



NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Fuchsia Flash

www.nwfuchsiasociety.com

Volume 29, No. 2 April 2011

President's Message~

Welcome, Visitor!

Happy First Day of Spring! The calendar says so, anyway, even if the weather doesn't. As I am writing this, it is raw and cold and blustery – Much too nasty outside to consider digging up dead plants or trying to smell the daffodils.

One of the nice things about spring is that we start to get enthused about garden work again. In fact, most of us are “chomping at the bit” for even a semi-nice day to get out in the garden. And with our sales coming up, we always hope to be increasing our club membership with people who are new to the fuchsia world. And therein, as they say, lays the tale.

How do you greet visitors at your club? Believe me, going to a meeting of any group when you don't really know anyone takes a lot of courage. How does your club make strangers feel welcome? Do you have any members who make a real effort to be sure that the newcomers are included in the discussions, or at least take the initiative to sit next to them and explain what all those unfamiliar terms mean?

In the last two years, I tried to visit every club in the NWFS, and almost made it! Since I already knew at least a person or two in each club, and because I am a raging extrovert, I was OK visiting with strangers. BUT – at times, I found myself practically ignored, or at least left alone for long periods of time before and during breaks in the meetings. If I was left alone, how would a real stranger react to standing alone while the members talked among themselves?

I know the club meetings are sometimes the only chance we get to see each other and catch up on events and family. Do we do that too much, and in doing so, do visitors feel left out and ignored? We won't gain new members if visitors remain strangers. Visitors only become members after they feel like they are among friends!

How does your club rate on the “welcome, visitor” scale?

Virginia Ferguson

253-756-2133

vferguson@harbornet.com

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY
12735 – 1st 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 – 5th 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@harboret.com

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

PO Box 1795, 30407 – 68th Ave NW
Stanwood, WA 98292-1795
360-629-4827; kevin.ing@usa.com

Recording Secretary: Jackie Lyons

17090 NE 80th St, Redmond WA 98052-3949
425-885-2107; j_q_lyons@msn.com

Treasurer: Sally Williams

11822 - 31st Place NE, Seattle WA 98125-5602
206-365-6887; sally.williams@comcast.net

Corresponding Secretary/Sunshine: Donna Fellows

610 - 5th Street, Steilacoom WA 98388-1802
253-588-4541; sewfuchsia@gmail.com

International Correspondent: Joan Hampton

12735 1st Avenue NW, Seattle WA 98177-4221
206-362-3713; joanfuchsia@comcast.net

Traveling Libraries:

Historian: Gwen Jensen

10710 - 2nd Ave NW, Seattle WA 98177-4808
206-365-5416; walternorth@comcast.net

Parliamentarian: Sally Williams

11822 - 31st Place NE, Seattle WA 98125-5602
206-365-6887; sally.williams@comcast.net

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

30407 – 68th Avenue NW
PO Box 1795, Stanwood WA 98292-1795
360-629-4827; kevin.ing@usa.com

Judges Chairman: Shirley Rock

13314 - 34th Ave NW, Marysville WA 98271-7101
360-652-8908; rockfuchsia@gotsky.com

Speakers list: Frankie Dennison

8007 NE 205th St, Kenmore WA 98028-2139
425-398-8633; ridmfd@frontier.net

Growers List: Frances Underwood

8020 Roosevelt Way NE, Sea WA 98115-4226
206-522-4312; fajunder@comcast.net

Hardy list: Salli Dahl

2130-A Little Hanaford Rd, Centralia WA 98531-8913
360-736-4596; dahlhaus@q.com

NWFS Roster: Pat Arndt

5215 NE 187th St, Lake Forest Park WA 98155-4345
206-364-0627; 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

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 – 4th Avenue NW
Seattle, WA 98107-2117
206-789-0615 Home
206-383-7829 Cell
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 – 5th St,
Steilacoom WA 98388-1802
253-588-4541 sewfuchsia@gmail.com

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

~2011 Fuchsia Sales and Events~

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 and Meridian, Puyallup, Hours are 10am-9pm daily
April 15-16	Plant Sale, West Seattle Sr. Ctr., 4217 Oregon St., Seattle, Friday 5-8PM, Saturday 9-3
April 16	Tahoma Plant Sale, American Vets parking lot, 1110 N. Stevens, 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
Apr 30-May1	Peninsula Plant Sale, Kitsap Co. Fairgrounds, Silverdale, Sat 12-4 Sun10-?
Apr 30-May1	Sno-King Sale 23720 Bothell Everett Hwy., Bothell, Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5
May 7	Plant Sale, Highline Sea-Tac Botanical Garden 13735 24 th Ave. S. Sea-Tac, 10-3
May 14	Greater Seattle Plant Sale 12735 1 st Ave NW, Seattle 9-1
May 14	Pilchuck Plant and Craft Sale, 2508 Cleveland Ave., Everett 9-3
May 14, 15	Olympia Plant Sale Tumwater Falls Park, C St. & Deschutes Way, Tumwater 10-3 daily
July 30, 31	Greater Seattle Show, Ballard Locks, Seattle, Sat.10-5. Sun. 10-4
Aug.13-14	Sno-King Sale & Judged Show Country Village, 23720 Bothell Everett Hwy. Bothell Hours Sat. 2-6, Sun. 12-5
Aug. 13	Olympia Show and Sale Huntamer Park, Lacey 9-4
Aug.20, 21	Eastside Show and Sale, Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main St., Bellevue 10-4 daily
Sept. 9-11	Lakewold Garden non judged show – all clubs, 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW. Lakewood, 10-4 daily

www.nwfuchsiasociety.com

~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, 10am to 4pm 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 receive a three day pass. In addition, they will receive one free, one time pass 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 has developed an advanced admission pass order form. Advance tickets are \$5.00 each and must be purchased by Saturday, August 20th. Lakewold will donate \$1.00 per ticket sold to each club designated. We will have event activities with a fuchsia seminar at 1pm daily; an information table for society information; blossom table and more.

Donna Fellows 253-588-4541 or sewfuchsia@gmail.com
Florence Bond 253-564-1368 or Fbond564@comcast.net Co chairs

~Northwest Plant Sale~

When: Room setup is Friday April 1st, 4pm; Plants arrive at 5pm
Sale opens to members and public Saturday, April 2nd, 2011, 9am-1pm
Where: UW Center for Urban Horticulture, 3501 NE 41st Street, Seattle

Tell your friends, tell your neighbors and bribe your family, it's time for the NW Sale again. This is the only fund raising event of the year for the Northwest Fuchsia Society - all clubs and their members are encouraged to participate. Those helping with setup on Friday will be allowed to shop early **only after all plants have been unloaded and are in their final resting place**. Saturday workers should plan to be there by 8am. To keep up our energy levels a potluck lunch will be served with tasty temptations that are sure to delight.

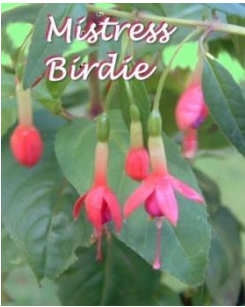
Tomatoes and other plant life will be for sale as well plus the CUH Miller Library's book sale also takes place on Saturday. So make your list, check it twice, grab the checkbook, put on a good pair of walking shoes and head on over – let's make this sale one for the record books. See you there.



by Salli Dahl dahlhaus@q.com

A Little of This; A Little of That

There is nothing more exciting than new cultivars, and recently not many have come out of the U. S. However, beginning last year and looking into the future, growers are again hybridizing and keeping an eye open for Mother Nature's offerings!



Don Hesel of Crescent City, CA, has some really good hybrids coming up! This year it's **'Mistress Birdie'** with numerous small blossoms and short-jointed stems packed with leaves. It is a self-crossing of Peter Baye's **'Trailing Starcross'** (**'California'** x **'Campo Victrix'**), so I would imagine that gall mites don't damage it much. For us in the Pacific Northwest, it will be tested for winter hardiness. If hardy, that would give it double resistance to gall mites because sustained freezes make for little mite popsicles.

* * *

Mary Cooke has been having a lot of fun in Redwood City, CA, with her hybridizing designed to produce fuchsias with resistance to gall mite damage. Photos are not yet available, but here are her new ones for 2011:

'Little Number 4' is a sibling of Mary's 2006 introduction, **'Elegant Rose'** (**'Campo Victor'** x **'Other Fellow'**). It often has three leaves, and since it has two blossoms per axil, that means 6 totals—quite a sight for the small off-white over pinkish-red single. The plant is very lax and suitable for pot culture.

'Little Pink Fly Away' (**'Trailing King'** x **'Baby Pink'**) is a profuse semi-double with small peach over white blossoms. The sepals fly away, straight up! It's immune to mite damage and is a trailer.

'Little Nipper' (**'Baby Pink'** x **'Trailing Starcross'**) is another small semi-double with a longish tube of warm rosy pink which bleeds into the reddish-purple petals that are below the red sepals. It's a small plant as its name suggests, lax in growth and is showing mite damage resistance.

'Change of Heart' (**'Baby Pink'** x **F. regia**)- Why this name for the red over purple-red double? It's because the corolla changes shape as it matures. Petals curl upward as the edges curl inwards, and that changes the shape from cylindrical to round. The growth is lax and Mary can see it as a standard.

'Bunny Risley' is a seedling found under a white enclandra. It is floriferous with single white and pink blossoms which contrast with the round, black berries. It's upright, 1 ½' in a container, but who knows how tall it will grow in the ground?

'Seashell Rundle' is (**'Baby Pink'** x **'Mrs. Rundle'**) is lax as an upright or a stiff trailer. Little pruning is needed for a basket. The blossoms are pink-white in the tube with warm pink sepals and purple-pink petals that mature to a rosy red. They are tube-shaped like a seashell. It will have 2-4 petaloids. Its resistance to gall mite damage is minimal.

'Mysterious Lady' is a 2009 introduction whose registration disappeared in the mail! It is (**'Baby Pink'** x Unknown)- a semi-double, orange-red in the tube and sepals and has purple petaloids and petals. The blossoms are held on long pedicels. Not self-cleaning, it will bloom in flushes. Gall mite resistance is considerable.

(Mary uses **'Baby Pink'** a lot because it's double, trailing, blooms continuously and profusely and is short-jointed. Also its light color does not mask the other desirable colors, and it's mite damage resistant. You wondered, didn't you?)

Dolly Roach, Seattle, asked Will Gibbs, Mossyrock, WA, to register four new cultivars. The first three are named after her grandchildren:



'Crystal Anna' ('Coachman' x 'Patty Lou') has single, medium-sized, light pink over magenta blossoms and is a lax upright in growth. The leaves are sturdy, dark green and heavily serrated. (Roach/Gibbs)



'Leslie Caryn' ('Red Whiskers' x 'Dolly Roach') has single blossoms and growth is upright. The blossoms are medium-sized and the pale lavender corolla has red veins. (Roach/Gibbs)

'Erica Blyth' ('Coachman') has pink over dark sized blossoms. lax with lighter that are heavily (Roach/Gibbs)



'Annabel' x single, light pink, medium- It is upright or green leaves serrated.



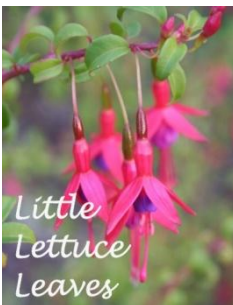
'Ruth Olsen' ('Carla Johnston' x 'Patty Lou') was named to honor the late Ruth Olson, long time member of the NWFS. It has single, reddish purple over purple, small blossoms. It grows as an upright. Some of the leaves are variegated and so it's worth taking cuttings of those to see if they hold their variegation. (Roach/Gibbs)

(None of the four Roach/Gibbs cultivars have been tested for hardiness YET, but they look like good candidates.)

* * *



'Curtsy' is a beautifully colored volunteer that's been around for 5 or 6 years in a Centralia, Washington, garden. It's in some shade and grows to maybe 2' of lax growth. In sun who knows? It's good for a rockery, a smaller hedge or as a specimen plant. It is very hardy (VH): "in bloom in June". It curtsies when the blossom is mature. (Dahl)



'Little Lettuce Leaves' is another volunteer but at Fuchsia Fanciers' Borst Park garden in Centralia. It popped up between *F. magellanica* "alba" and 'Aurea' with a root you could use for a group jump rope. The blossom is small and not unusual, so it wasn't going to be registered. However it got out into the nurseries, so registering it makes sense for identification. It is very hardy (VH) and grows eagerly, like a fuchsia should, to 5-6'. It blooms well also. All in all, it's a good shrub for the Pacific Northwest garden. (Dahl)

Round the sound . . .

By Joan Hampton

Eastside Fuchsia Society – They recently met at Earthworks to pot on the plants for their plant sale on April 30 at BBG. Luanna Martin has recently moved the trees and triphyllas to her greenhouse to get a head start before going back into the BBG fuchsia garden.

Fuchsia Fanciers – Will Gibbs led a discussion on Spring Tasks at their March meeting, they had a plant sale March 18-20 at Yardbirds, and have other plant sales planned. They are also getting plants ready for the Lakewold display in September.

Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society – Fertilizer (SoundGRO) and bags of soil were recently delivered for the members. Gwen Jensen gave an interesting program on planting up a mixed container using the Thriller, Filler, Spiller theory. We'll look for it at the Show!

Lakebay Fuchsia Society – They will be planting up fuchsias and other plant material for their club plants and also their plant sale on May 7th. They are also doing some long-range planning on their display garden.

North Cascades Fuchsia Society – Ron Herzog is scheduled to give his 'Wow Fuchsias' program that he did at the Convention last fall. They will help out at the Open House at Jordon Nursery on April 9th, and have lots of activities planned for the coming year.

Olympia Fuchsia Society – They had a local photographer give them some pointers on picture taking at their March meeting. They will be doing 1900-1920 plants at the Lakewold display. They also have a plant sale at Tumwater Falls Park on May 21 and 22.

Puget Sound Fuchsia Society – Hugh Lade from Bladework (bladeworkseattle.com) came to talk about tool sharpening and he sharpened on the spot! They are also working on putting together their history as the oldest fuchsia club in the Puget Sound area. And they have a plant sale coming up on April 15 and 16 at the Senior Center in West Seattle.

Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society – They, too, have been potting at Windmill Nursery. They will be doing the Spring Fair; and are doing 1940's fuchsias for Lakewold. They will be our Hosts for the Annual Meeting on October 22, 2011 and are working on all the plans.

Eugene Fuchsia & Begonia Society – At their March meeting they set their schedule for the rest of the year as they meeting in various locations.. Their newsletter is well done with horticulture articles from many sources.

SW Portland Fuchsia Society – In March their speaker talked of Native Plants to complement your fuchsias. Pat Arndt will be their speaker in April and talk on pinching.

Fuchsia Lore Collectors Club – The April meeting at Greenacres will be on eggs – Easter Eggs, that is. Donna Fellows will bring and talk about her collection of eggs all depicting fuchsias, and other members will bring their collections also.

Western Fuchsia Species Society – Their next meeting will be working on the species garden, cleaning and pruning, at CUH after the NWFS Spring Plant Sale on April 1st. And they will do a species display at Lakewold in September.

Beyond our borders~

By Joan Hampton

The **Australian Fuchsia Society Journal** always has interesting articles and hints. One of their Handy Hints is to double-pot your fuchsias, one pot is placed inside a larger pot to help protect the plant's roots from overheating; use mulch, sand or something similar between the pots. Or place a tea bag(s) in the base of each to hold water and it will eventually break down.

The Austrian **Fuchsienpost**, Jan-Feb 2011, has a nice picture of *F. sylvatica* inside it's front cover. There is a recap of the Euro-Fuchsia 2010 meeting, and an article on things to do through April with your fuchsias. The center of the Bulletin has several pictures of fuchsias hybridized by Karl Nutzinger. I don't recognize any of the varieties so I assume they are not in cultivation here in Washington. www.fuchsienfreunde.at

From the **Norsk Fuchsia Selskap** (January 2011) are many pictures of fuchsias and of the various get-togethers and shows held during 2010. They have an amazing rack that holds fuchsias for their show, with two levels for hanging baskets of which there are many. The rack appears to be made of pipe and must disassemble for storage. There is also a picture of about 7-8 people holding hands ringing around a single, very large, upright fuchsia! www.fuchsiaselskapet.no

From Belgium is **Fuchsia's De Vrije Fuchsiavrienden** short Bulletin for January 2011. They show their meeting schedule, and they meet on Saturdays.

From Switzerland is their First Quarter Bulletin, **Fuchsienverein**, opening with a recap of Euro Fuchsia 2010 picturing several attendees, including Jack Lamb. There are pictures of several fuchsias, including *F. splendens*, *F. fulgens*, and *F. x speciosa*. There was a dinner last fall with an interesting centerpiece going the length of the tables which included: fall leaves of various colors, oranges, peanuts in the shell, fern portions, and short branches of fuchsias in full bloom. Very nice! And as always, several pen and ink and also color renditions of fuchsias by Aat van Wijk. Beautiful!
www.fuchsienverein.ch

From the German group is their beautiful, colorful **DDFGG** (Deutsche Dahlien, Fuchsien, and Gladiolen-Gesellschaft e. V.) book. The books cover dahlias, fuchsias, and gladiolus and often a few other flora. Dahlias do tend to dominate the pages, but fuchsias also have a good section. They, too, have a recap of Euro-Fuchsia, and pages of beautiful pictures of fuchsias. There is an especially nice picture of *F. insignis* which has no corolla so looks very different from our hybrids and cultivars. They also have a significant article on *F. splendens*, *F. fulgens*, and *F. x speciosa* with pictures taken in the field. Also an article by Jack Lamb of Flora of the Andes with several pictures of species growing in the wild there. There is also an extensive article on triphyllas with beautiful photographs. Toward the end of the Bulletin are articles on various plants that look very similar to fuchsias, including *Begonia Fuchsioides* which is in the Northwest under various names, but a fun plant to grow. Check these sites: www.ddfgg.de www.dahlie.net www.fuchsien.ddfgg.de
The British Fuchsia Society's Spring Bulletin 2011 has many interesting articles. They list the Top Ten Fuchsias from their shows in 2009: Lillian Annets, London 2000, Wigan Peer, Rose Fantasia, Sophie Louise, Shelford . . . 2010: London 2000, Alison Patricia, Brookwood Belle, Ernie, Wigan Peer, Sophie Louise . . . with Shelford showing up at #9. They also have a children's coloring contest, each child receiving the same black/white drawing. They are judged by age/talent with the winners shown in this issue. A good way to get children interested! There are some interesting horticulture articles dealing with insects and diseases; and an update on the fuchsia mite which has been spotted there. There are reports from special interest groups: Lore, Bonsai, and a group interested in species and pre-1914 cultivars or hybridizing. Also pictures of some of the stunning plants at shows. A very interesting publication! www.thebfs.org.uk

NWFS ANNUAL MEETING~

Hosted by your Fuchsia Friends at Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society.

Be sure and mark your calendars with a large fuchsia blossom on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

This year's meeting will be held in northeast Tacoma at "**The Centre of Norpointe**", 4818 Nassau Avenue NE.

Join us for lots of good food and fun talk amongst ourselves; vendor booths; photo contest winners to review; raffles and door prizes. Who will be this year's inspirational honorees?

We hope you all plan to attend. More information with driving instructions to follow in the future Flash.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

Robin Wilkson

Redhdrobin@comcast.net

SW Portland Fuchsia Club Celebrates 10 Years~

By Verna Berger

February 8th, 2011, eighteen members braved the frigid elements to help us celebrate our 10th Anniversary, which was also our first meeting of 2011. Memories took a few of us back to our first meeting, February 13th, 2001 in the home of Clarence and Verna Berger. Only a few months later, we were welcomed to meet at a Retirement Inn a few blocks away, where we currently meet.

Since there isn't too much going on in the fuchsia world during the winter months, we initiated a winter project - A Bird House Contest, to keep us busy. Bird Houses are always a fun element in our gardens; some become actual habitats for our winged friends and others are whimsical garden art. This has become an annual event, as we discovered people really enjoy it and their creativity never ceases to amaze us. There are no prizes, only the satisfaction of knowing how well you placed and the "oohs" and "ahs" of your fuchsia friends.

Of course, you can't have an "Anniversary" without cake and coffee, so that was on the agenda as well. We all enjoyed a wonderful cake decorated with a beautiful lavender and pink fuchsia, wishing us another successful 10 years.

Fuchsia Societies - Consider Having a Judged Show~

by Shirley Rock, NWFS Judges Chair

Is your club thinking about having a fuchsia show this summer? If you are, will it be a judged show? Not everyone likes to compete. It makes us feel uncomfortable. Did you know that you would be competing against yourself? Plants are judged on the individual plant's merit; it is not compared to other plants. The challenge for you is to grow a wonderful fuchsia (aren't they all?). Having a qualified person, a judge, point out what you did well and what you need to improve on is good information.

If your club is going to have a judged show, I recommend that **three** judges (per team) be selected. The Northwest Fuchsia Society Judges receive training every year. They are required to grow plants to be judged also, unless they are Master Judges. You want the opinion of three judges, not just one. We all have our biases, and having three judges provides a fair grading of your plant is desirable. Now is the time to get your reservations in for judges for your judged show before their calendars fill up.

Questions? Call me at 360-652-8908

NWFS PHOTO CONTEST 2011

Check your cameras, practice your close-up techniques - it's time for the 2011 NWFS Photo Contest.

There is only one small change in the rules since last year - allowing some flexibility in print size/format to make cropping easier.

This contest is open to all members of the Northwest Fuchsia Society. All photographs entered must have been taken personally by the member and not previously submitted to any NWFS Photo Contest. All photos submitted will become the permanent property of NWFS to be used for display on the website and in other outreach situations.

This is a photo contest. The "most beautiful", "cutest", or "most popular or unusual" variety is not relevant. The judge(s) will be looking for the quality of the photograph including composition, exposure, sharpness, color fidelity, lighting, background, etc.

Classes

1. Double blossom(s), one variety. Foliage and buds may be included.
2. Single blossom(s), one variety. Foliage and buds may be included. Semi-doubles will be classified as singles.
3. Tryphilla types, encliandras, and species.
4. Fuchsia garden - depicts fuchsias growing in the ground.
5. Miscellaneous. Photos which do not fall into any of the above classes. This would include digitally enhanced photos, fuchsias in containers, fuchsias with hummingbirds, butterflies, etc. Also artistic interpretations or creative arrangements or themes.

Rules

1. Photos must be entered as prints, with no border. **Maximum** size of prints will be 4x6 rectangular or 4.5x4.5 square. Any type of camera.
2. **A limit of 12 photos per exhibitor** will be allowed and may be entered among the five classes as you wish. All may be entered in one class or distributed among all the classes **but you may not enter more than 3 photos (must be different poses) of the same variety in any one class.** (A couple may enter jointly but each such entry will count as one entry for each person, e.g. Joe and Jean enter 5 photos jointly; they may each enter only 7 additional photos as individual exhibitors.)
3. The following information must be written on a separate piece of paper taped to the back of each photo entry:
 - a. Class number and variety name - "unknown" or "please name" will not be accepted.
 - b. Exhibitor's name, address, and telephone number.
 - c. Type of camera and film used e.g. Digital SLR/Point'n Shoot; 200/400 film - SLR/Point'n Shoot.
4. Photographs will be judged by a local photographer or photography club, and all photos submitted will be displayed at the 2011 NWFS Annual Meeting.
5. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third in each class. There will also be a People's Choice prize, determined by ballots from those attending the Annual Meeting.
6. All photos must be mailed to Ann Tanner, 18915 Cascade Ridge Court, Mount Vernon, WA 98274 and **RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 17, 2010.**

Questions?????? - Call Ann Tanner at 360-428-3668

~A FEW GENERAL HINTS FROM THE JUDGES OF THE 2010 CONTEST~

- When shooting in bright sunlight try to diffuse the light, perhaps by holding something (a sheet, piece of cardboard or paper) between the subject and the sun.
- Be aware of your backgrounds and eliminate distracting elements by changing position, putting something behind the blossom, or changing the composition. 'Busy' backgrounds are very distracting. Blurry light spots from whatever source are another unwelcome distraction.
- Don't forget your camera has horizontal and vertical formats. Use them as appropriate.
- Cropping is important in eliminating unwanted elements in your photograph. Every sepal/stamen/bud/leaf need not be complete but every such element which is cropped off should give the impression that it was intentional, not that there was just not enough room in the picture.
- Try to identify a focal point/main point of interest in your photo and make sure that it occupies the central part of your photo. It need not be dead center but should definitely draw the viewer's eye immediately



In preparation for our trip to the Pacific Northwest (I am writing this article in Deming) we set up a system of Capillary Matting to water our fuchsias. We set this up on a limited trial basis when we came in November and were quite pleased with the results. So we decided to install this throughout the greenhouse with top up reservoirs to keep the matting wet, enlisting the help of friends to keep the reservoirs filled.

Obviously we put this into place to make sure that everything worked ok before we left. The system being in full operation for about ten days before we left. The thing that has amazed me even in that short space of time is the amount of growth that all of the plants have made just from apparently taking up a level and even amount of water, even if there is no feed in the water. To overcome the problem with the feeding of the plants, the day before we flew out to come to the Pacific Northwest I gave everything a strong nitrogen feed into the roots, plus a 1/7th strength foliar feed. This I hope will give everything a good enough feed to keep them going for three weeks. I have always believed that the fuchsias fare better like I do with a little bit of food every day rather than a feast once in a while. 'But still needs must' and it will be interesting to see the plants when we get home after three weeks away.

What surprised me was the sudden and even amount of growth the rested plants have suddenly made. I just hope the light levels stay as they had been before we left home and the plants do not get too drawn.

The Standards (Trees) that I have started to grow from my own cuttings are growing quite well. Three have now been stopped. One as a quarter standard, the other two as small half standards. All of these have had their second stop. To get the basis of a strong head, I tend to stop at every second pair of leaves, using only the top four sets of shoots to form my head. But on one I have decided to use eight sets of side shoots and grow what we in the UK refer to as a *long head*. It will be interesting to see how this turns out. But again I have started out in using my usual maxim of starting my head stopping at the first two pairs of leaves.

Just as something of a trial project, I have started to grow a mini standard using Vincent van Gough. This is proving quite a bit of a challenge being lax growth, in trying to form a tight head in layers, so that when it blooms, it will appear with bloom all over the head and not just on the lower branches.

The one fan (I have actually started three but tending to concentrate on one) of Veenlust is growing better than I was expecting, but is proving very time consuming having to constantly tie in and keep all of the canning kept up to the plant growth, but it should be well worth the effort.

All of these project plants have been grown with thought of using them on Fuchsia Friends stand at the Malvern Spring Show. But you never know, if they turn out ok. I might just venture at having a go at showing again. Well, we can all dream, can't we.

Arthur Phillips

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING

March 19, 2011

President Virginia Ferguson called the meeting to order. She welcomed 25 members. Vice President Kevin Jones was absent but will be visiting the Tahoma club soon.

Sunshine Donna Fellows sent cards to Ken Crocker and Tom Johnson.

Will Gibbs moved we accept the minutes that were sent by e-mail, it was seconded and passed.

Sally Williams passed out the treasurer's report. Sharon Miller moved we accept the report, it was seconded and passed. She reminded us that State Sales Certificates must be applied for at least 7 days before your sale. You need the variety of the plants and the number.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

SCHOLARSHIP – Sally Williams has received two applications. The deadline is the end of the month. She is selling cedar planter boxes Irene Bergum had and the money will go to the Scholarship Fund.

SPRING PLANT SALE – Bob Anderson gave the report. Set up is April 1st, with the sale being April 2nd from 9am to 1pm. There will be a potluck on Saturday. Bring your favorite item.

GROWERS LIST – Frances Underwood said the Growers list is on the web and is current.

NWFS ROSTER – Pat Arndt handed out our new rosters.

OLD BUSINESS

Lakewold Show – Donna Fellows passed out information on the show. The dates are September 9th through the 11th. The theme is "Fuchsias Thru the Years". Clubs have chosen a decade and will 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.

Location of Board Meeting- Dorothy McMann made a motion we go back to having our May, July, and September meetings on Thursday night at 7:30 in Seattle. Sally Williams seconded it and it passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Sally Williams has the NWFS library. It was decided to keep one copy of each book and sell the rest at the Annual Meeting.

There was a brief discussion on clubs using NWFS's UBI number.

Salli Dahl said we would be ordering 200 *Hardy* books. Dorothy McMann made a motion NWFS purchase the books and let the clubs take them on consignment. The money or the books will need to be returned by the Annual Meeting date. The motion was seconded by Bob Anderson and it passed. We will have them by the Spring Plant Sale.

The next meeting will be May 19th, 7:30pm at Merrill Gardens Northgate Plaza, 11030 – 5th Ave NE, Seattle.

The Past Presidents will provide the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Lyons, Secretary

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY ~ MEMBER SOCIETIES

EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Evergreen Court
900 – 124th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005-2584
Meets 3rd 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

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

GREATER SEATTLE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Gwen Jensen, President
10710 – 2nd Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98177-4808
206-365-5416
walternorth@comcast.net

LAKEBAY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Ginnie Aardal, President
PO Box 917
8716 – 177th Ave Ct KP N
Vaughn, WA 98394-0917
253-884-9744
gindickaardal@yahoo.com

NORTH CASCADES FUCHSIA SOCIETIES

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

Kevin Jones, President
PO Box 1795
30407 – 68th Ave NW
Stanwood, WA 98292-1795
360-629-4827 Home
kevin.jng@usa.com

NORTH OLYMPIC FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Joe Bruneau, President
114 Howard Heights Road
Sequim, WA 98382-8654
360-681-8684
joeanddonna_54@msn.com

OLYMPIA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Schmidt Mansion
330 Schmidt Place
Tumwater, WA 98501-3338
Meets 1st Monday, 7pm
Reps: Dorothy McMann

Mike Wilson, President
4736 – 82nd Ave SE
Olympia, WA 98501-9685
360-413-0605
greymbearrrd@yahoo.com

PENINSULA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Donna Kearns, President
14883 Seaview Drive NW
Seabeck, WA 98380-9747
360-830-5856
finsandflowers@netzero.net

PILCHUCK FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Diane Woodward, President
2513 Cleveland Avenue
Everett, WA 98201-3333
425-252-6215
dwl48@comcast.net

PUGET SOUND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Janet Dillow, President
4743 – 51st Place SW Seattle, WA
Seattle, WA 98116-4331
206-938-2284
dillowjanet@hotmail.com

PUYALLUP VALLEY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Margie Brubaker, President
303 – 19th Avenue
Milton, WA 98354-9409
253-896-0700 Home
mlb2347@aol.com

SNO-KING FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Good Shepherd Church
6915 – 196th St SW
Lynnwood, WA 98036-5043
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7pm
Reps: Angela Hoard & Ted Koval

Ted Koval, President
123 South Kelsey St
Monroe, WA 98272-2208
360-794-5469

TAHOMA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
8601 – 104th St SW
Lakewood, WA 98498-4473
Meets 4th Monday, 7pm
Reps: Mary Best & Virginia Ferguson

Donna Fellows, President
610 – 5th Street
Steilacoom, WA 98388-1802
253-588-4541 Home
sewfuchsia@gmail.com

~Affiliated Societies~

CRESCENT CITY BRANCH AFS

Crescent City Branch AFS
PO Box 432
Crescent City, CA 95531-0432
Email Contact: Don Helsel donhelsel@charter.net

Marialyce Sanger, President
5824 Kings Valley Road
Crescent City, CA 95531-9663
707-464-1953

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@epud.net

SOUTHWEST PORTLAND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

Clarence Berger, President
7325 SW Scholls Ferry Road
Beaverton, OR 97008-6055
503-644-1966
cbergie@comcast.net

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA HYBRIDIZERS' SOCIETY

Contact: Salli Dahl 360-736-4595 dahlhaus@q.com

NW FUCHSIA LORE COLLECTORS CLUB

Betty Peary, President 360-387-9727 bpeary@wavecable.com
Contact: Joan Hampton, Secretary 206-362-3713
12735 – 1st Avenue NW joanfuchsia@comcast.net
Seattle, WA 98177-4221



WESTERN FUCHSIA SPECIES SOCIETY

Interested in those magnificent fuchsia species?
WFSS meets four times a year
in Washington and Oregon.
Dues are \$10 a yr/ per household.
WFSS- 10710-2nd AVE NW ,
Seattle, WA 98177
(Include names, address, phone, e-mail)

Debbie Metzger, President
9016 – 381st Ave SE
Snoqualmie, WA
98065-9212
425-888-3639
debbiemetzger@comcast.net