



NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY

# *Fuchsia Flash*

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## President's Message~



Instead of going to Renton for the January Board meeting today (I do hope the Board members and Representatives got the message that it was cancelled!), I pulled on my mud boots and grabbed my trusty loppers for a look around the yard. Despite the rain, I still had to break through the ice covering the snow piled in the yard and next to the sidewalk and driveway. Although we did not lose power during the storm, as many of our members probably did, I did lose two trees. One was a spindly little pine out back that never really had a chance. The second tree causes me more grief. This one is out front, a nice, big, short needle pine that has withstood years of snow and ice. But this storm was just too much, and several large limbs are twisted and broken. Even with radical pruning, it will never look good, so it will come out.

All of us will have stories like this to tell when we get together again. Who lost greenhouses? Did your favorite fuchsia survive? I stuck a bunch of potted plants in the garage in November, and they have weak little pale green leaves, so I know they are still chugging along. Is it good or bad that it didn't get horribly cold? With snow on the ground, maybe our plants survived, but did the gall mite also?? I can only hope the nasty wee beasties froze!

Daylight increases by about 3 minutes each day now. Doesn't sound like much, but that is 30 minutes every ten days, so now, at the end of January, we have an hour and a half more daylight than a month ago. That, and the sight of primroses at the grocery store, reminds me that spring isn't too far away. Can't come soon enough today!

Get the annual sales on your calendar now – Hope to see many of you at CUH April 6 & 7 for the NWFS Sale.

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PS – OMG! We need to have a 'poll' to see which is worse - news reports 24/7 about snow, or political news, ads and e-mails. Seems like a dead heat to me!

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Board meetings are held bi-monthly. In the spring and summer months we will meet on the **third Thursdays - May 17th, July 19th and September 20th, 7:30pm at Merrill Gardens/Northgate Plaza in Seattle, 11030 – 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue NE**. In January, March and November they will be held on the third Saturday of the month at 10am at St. Mathews Lutheran Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton.

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

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contributors and are not necessarily  
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## ~2012 Fuchsia Sales and Events~

Apr 6	Setup NWFS Plant Sale at CUH, 3501 NE 45 <sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle, time TBD
Apr 7	NWFS Plant Sale at CUH 3501 NE 45 <sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle 9am-1pm
Apr 21	Tahoma Plant Sale, 1110 N Stevens St (Disabled American Vet's parking lot), Tacoma 9am-2pm
Apr 25	Judges Symposium, Fellowship Hall, St Matthews Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton 10am-2pm
May 5	Eastside Fuchsia Society Plant Sale, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St., Bellevue 9am-2pm
	Peninsula Plant Sale, Kitsap Co. Fairgrounds, Cat Barn, 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd., Bremerton 9am-5pm
May 12	LakeBay Fuchsia Society Plant Sale, Key Peninsula Civic Center, 17010 S Vaughn Rd, KPN Vaughn, WA 9am-3pm
May 19	Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society Plant Sale, 12735 – 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave NW, Seattle, WA 9am-1pm
Aug 11 & 12	LakeBay Fuchsia Society Show, Watson's Greenhouse & Nursery, 6211 Pioneer Way East, Puyallup
	Puyallup Valley FS Show " " " " "
	Tahoma Fuchsia Society Show " " " " "
Aug 18 & 19	Eastside Fuchsia Society Show & Plant Sale, Bellevue Botanical Gardens, 12001 Main St., Bellevue 10am-4pm daily
Sept 8 & 9	Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society Show, Hiram Chittenden Locks, 3015 NW 54 <sup>th</sup> Street, Seattle 9am-4pm daily
Sept 8	Olympia Fuchsia Society Show and Sale Huntamer Park, Lacey 9am-4pm
Sept 22	North Cascades FS Show, Jordan Nursery 30407 – 68 <sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Stanwood
Oct 20	NWFS Annual Meeting, Camano Island Sr. Ctr., 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island, time TBD

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## ~Judges' Symposium~

The NWFS Judges' workshop will be Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> in the fellowship hall (big room next to kitchen) at St. Matthews Church in Renton, 1700 Edmonds Avenue NE. **The workshop starts at 10am and will end at 2pm; cost is \$5.00 per person.**

The judges will bring examples of plants for us to judge for the following:

- Damaged foliage (could be from fertilizer, sunburn, pests, etc.)
- Bonsai – Frankie Dennison
- Species – Sue Randall
- Ornamental & variegated foliage – show the difference

**NWFS is recruiting new judges**, so if you think you might be interested, please attend this workshop. It will count towards criteria required to become a NWFS Judge (see below). I find it rewarding and challenging - rewarding in that I can provide information to growers on what to do to grow a better plant; challenging in that I have to keep current on all varieties of fuchsias. I love it!

Keep blooming!

Shirley Rock

NWFS Judges Chair

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**These are the requirements to become a Candidate judge:**

1. You must be a member of a NWFS club for two years.
2. You must be an active fuchsia grower.
3. You must participate in two judged shows as any of the following, i.e. a. clerk, b. show chairman, c. judges' chairman.
4. You must serve as Head Clerk at least one time.
5. Attend the NWFS Judges training school with a passing grade of at least 70 points on the written exam.
6. Participate as Observer with three NWFS Certified judges in one judged show. **Observing judges score do not count.**
7. Participate as Apprentice in two judged shows with at least one senior judge on the panel each time. **Apprentice judge score DOES count.**
8. Must have won five blue ribbons to move on to Certification. Blossoms and handcrafts do not count.

**Certified Judge**

Once you have completed the Candidate Judge requirement, you will be considered a Certified Judge. To maintain that certification you must:

1. Be an active participant in your home society's annual shows.
2. Enter plants in plants in competition regularly.
3. Must complete one symposium or workshop.
4. The NWFS Judges Chair will provide an Annual Report form for you. You will track your activities for the season and turn it in to the NWFS Judges Chair by Oct. 1st. One is attached for your information.

NWFS Judges pins are awarded once per year at the NWFS Annual Meeting. You will also receive a NWFS Judges manual and score card. These will be provided to you when you pass the exam. I suggest that you keep a journal of your activities. I'll share how I do this with you during the class. Let me know what day of the week is best for you to take an all day class. I prefer that we do this in the spring (May) so I can bring sample plants in for you to judge. You will learn so much when you become a judge. You may think you know a lot about fuchsia now, but you will be amazing at what more you will learn!

## ~NWFS Scholarships Available~

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 and 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](http://www.northwestfuchsiasociety.com) or contact **Sally Williams**

**~APPLICATIONS ARE DUE MARCH 31, 2012~** 206-365-6887 -or- [sally.williams@comcast.net](mailto:sally.williams@comcast.net)

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***The scholarship committee is grateful to and gladly accepts a \$100 "Memorial Donation" from the Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society in memory of Lois and Glenn Danielson.***

## ~2012 Annual Meeting~

This years' annual meeting will be hosted by North Cascades Fuchsia Society, so mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The festivities will take place at the Camano Island Senior Center, 606 Arrowhead Road, Camano Island. This is a beautiful facility and we will pass along more information as it becomes available.

Betty Peary

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## ~Sunshine~

Sympathy cards were sent to Ralph Steiger on the recent death of his daughter and Irene & Jim Johnson on the passing of their son. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families.

Seems to be the season for replacing "knees" - cards were sent to: Will Gibbs who is home following his surgery on December 19<sup>th</sup> and doing quite well. Donna Fellows had both knees replaced on December 20<sup>th</sup> and is finally glad to be home roaming her own halls. Frankie Dennison had her left knee replaced on... Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>! In her own words: *"all went very well - partial replacement. No ligaments cut so I'm off and running. No cane, no walker and no pain meds. I'm home and exercising- well past the 90 degree bend already. I am very lucky with good doctor. Frankie"*

If you know of someone that needs to be remembered please contact Donna Fellows

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*To our Fuchsia Friends,*

*I want to thank all of our fuchsia friends who sent cards and condolences on the recent passing of my son. He lost his battle with a cancerous brain tumor on December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Your thoughts and prayers were most helpful to both of us, his wife and step-daughter.*

*Sincerely,*

*Jim & Irene Johnson*

## *Around the Sound~*

By Joan Hampton

Most of our clubs are still on Winter Break, and we've certainly had winter! This is really our quiet season and activities get into full swing in February.

**Eastside Fuchsia Society's** installation of new officers took place at the end of their Christmas potluck. Money was raised for several charities. New president, Stan Otis's first official decision was to their January meeting because of the snow and icy driving conditions! VP, Caroline Zebroski's scheduled program; a slide presentation "Year in Review" will be shown another time.

**Fuchsia Fancier's:** According to club pres, Salli Dahl "FF has been having really good meetings lately where several people bring up ideas and make comments. The result is that desired decisions get made, and everyone gets involved." Their January meeting will be at Shoestring Nursery prior to the potluck on January 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Greater Seattle's** Christmas potluck was a well attended event, a good time was had by all.

**Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society** has newly installed officers; Kathy and Ken Stickney are their new co-presidents. They once again will have a booth at the Tacoma Dome Home and Garden Show in January.

**Sno-King Fuchsia Society:** Dorrena Ortega has opened an account for their club to post pictures at "Flickr". If you'd like to check out some of their events go to <http://www.flickr.com/groups/1776191@N22/pool/>

**Tahoma Fuchsia Society** held their Christmas party at the home of Tina and Dan Wade. Virginia Ferguson is their newly installed president. They were able to have their January meeting; the program was a two-part DVD on pruning by Cass Turnbull, a noted arborist in our area. Part one in January, Part 2 at a future meeting.

## *Beyond our Borders~*

**The American Fuchsia Society Bulletin** is out for January-March 2012. There is an interesting article on Fuchsia Lore and includes some pictures from their past Annual Fuchsia Lore Shows with the next one scheduled for February 19<sup>th</sup> with many categories and a Sales area! It gives them all a chance to see what treasures are being shown this year and to visit with members they might not see regularly. It will be a fun day!

[www.americanfuchsiasociety.org](http://www.americanfuchsiasociety.org)

**Societe Nationale d'Horticulture de France** December 2011 publication shows pictures of fuchsias, one in the form of a very old bonsai judging from the size of the trunks that looks like it could be 'Display' and others in a window-box sort of container that even has lawn on the top! There also is a picture of an amazing tree-type with the trunk in a spiral of at least 7 loops resulting in a head of foliage and blossoms at the top! Amazing!

[www.snhf.org](http://www.snhf.org)

**Switzerland's 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2011 Postillion** includes pictures of a tour some took that included an open air bus or train ride as well as canoe type boats in a park. And pictures of members picking out new fuchsia starts! In the Botanical Garden at St. Gallen is a tall metal-looking sculpture of a fuchsia stem with a blossom and leaf, quite stunning! [www.fuchsienverein.ch](http://www.fuchsienverein.ch)

**The British Fuchsia Society Autumn Bulletin 2011** gives information on the shows last summer, including who won what category, and with which plant. It's always interesting to see that many old cultivars are still winners intermingled with some new varieties. There is also a note about a new fuchsia book "Fuchsias – Practical guide to cultivating fuchsias" by John Nicholass. We can find this book at Amazon.com here in the U.S., and I see that there is still another one written by John Nicholass coming out this spring. [www.thebfs.org.uk](http://www.thebfs.org.uk)

**Valley Fuchsia & Begonia Society~** Their January program featured: Jean Murray demonstrating winter arrangements from the garden, members were asked to bring in their favorite gardening tool and tell why they like it; tell the nicest thing that happened to you over the Holidays, and tell what you plant to do gardening-wise in 2012. All great ideas for programs in these winter months! [www.icangarden.com](http://www.icangarden.com)

*One kind word can warm three months of winter. ~Japanese Proverb*

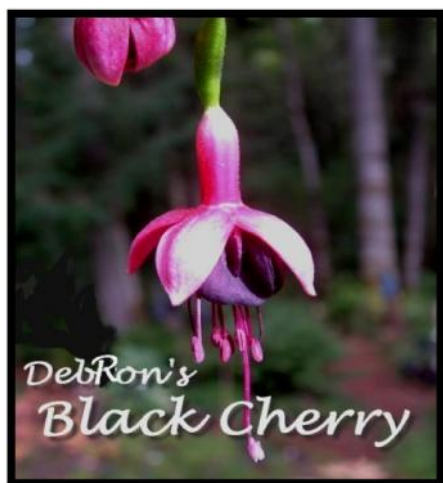


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## Some New Registrations!

We have an update on Ron and Debbie Monnier's hybrids. As some of you know, the hybridizing group has been helping to measure, color match...and do whatever to get these ready to be registered. Monniers lost several after their move to Milton-Freewater, and for some, Ron has been and is trying to gather information as to how they grow, what conditions they prefer, etc. for a web site. Several have been completed, but there are still quite a few needing more information. (That you will hear about later through your local president.)

Right now there are three registered for 2012, and they are definitely my favorites:



**'DebRon's Black Cherry'** you have seen before in the *Flash* because it is on the 2010 Hardy List. Now I know why. The parents are ('Whiteknight's Pearl' x 'Maxima') 'Whiteknight's Pearl' has *F. magellanica* 'Alba'/'Molinae' (very hardy) and 'Maxima' is an *F. excorticata* offshoot. (*F. excorticata* is hardy here but just doesn't bloom in summer.) The color is darker than my photo indicates- too much sun- but the corolla is round like a cherry, and so is the bud. It is aptly named. #8138

**'DebRon's Snow Fairy'** is a sweetheart: easy to grow and a good bloomer with that sparkling pink top. I had it in too much shade, but it was persistent. Every time I walked by it this summer, it just called for attention. It would make a great basket or I'd like to see someone grow a tree out of it. Parentage is ('Brookwood Belle' x 'Maxima') #8139

**'DebRon's White Linen'** is about as white as it gets with pink pistils underneath. 'Annabel' x 'Snowy Summit' are the parents, so you can see why it's so white. The creped sepals are the linen part, but I bet you figured that out. It's a graceful ball of fluff with those sepals reaching out and up for balance, a good bloomer and easy to grow. #8140. So where can you get these? Shoestring, Jordan's, Fry Road...well, just check the new Northwest Growers' List which just came out! Order them! ([www.nwfuchsiasociety.com](http://www.nwfuchsiasociety.com))

There are 10 more "pending"- that is, pending until 2013. If you have these and want to add some comments, contact Ron at [ronmonnier@gmail.com](mailto:ronmonnier@gmail.com). They are as follows: **'DebRon's ...Bluebirds', ...Buttered Popcorn', ...Chester Bridges', ...Funny Valentine', ...Hokey Pokey', ...Joan Lou', ...Silver Lining', ...Smokey Blues'** and **'McGez Chocolate Mint'** and **'Clashing Beauty'**.

Then there's 7 more for later and numbered ones for even later: never-ending fun!

*Arthur Says~*

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Year!!

When we arrived home from our three week visit to the Pacific Northwest spending Christmas with Nancy's family, the first thing after getting the cases into the house was to go and check the fuchsias in the greenhouse. On first inspection things seemed to be alright, but second inspection revealed what appeared to be frost burn on some of the plants, notably my two young plant of *F. fulgens*. They had dropped all of their leaves and looked distinctly sick. Looking down at the heater, horror!! The heater was out, and no way of telling how long it had been out. What happened to the backup electric fan heater that was supposed to come on in such an emergency? Well some idiot (me) had not set it properly. The gas heater was re-lit and we retired to bed. This was New Years Day. What a way to start a New



The next day, when more awake, a more detailed examination was carried out, and although the thermometer recorded a temperature of 25deg F only one major plant seemed to have succumbed completely; a nice weeping mini-standard of " Vincent van Gough" which was putting out a quite even spread of strong growth before we left. Several plants had quite bad frost burn in parts. The amazing thing was that some plants had been cut through in an almost straight line with the growth on either side unaffected and other plants around not being touched.

The gas heater was examined and no apparent reason was found for it going out, and in fact it has operated quite normally until the night of Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The blasted heater went out again, and the idiot had not even bothered setting the backup heater, despite going out to the greenhouse at 10.30 pm to check everything was alright.

Again the thermometer recorded a temperature of 24deg F, and although there does not seem to be any fatalities this time, the damage to frost burn has been quite widespread with quite a number of my standard whips and rested standards that were coming back into growth being affected, but again plants have been caught, when others around them have not. So it is back to trying to repair the damage caused by the frost, but trying to get shape back into damaged plans is very difficult. One thing that you can be certain of is that although the gas heater again seems to be operating ok, the backup heater is now going to be always on and set correctly.



Last year I used growing lights for the first time ever, and although I got good vegetative growth it did not give me the early bloom I was hoping to have for the Malvern Spring Show in May. So this year I decided I would not go to the trouble of setting up the lights, but after having two such setbacks as I have just outlined, I thought that I had better use them again to bring on the rested plants. (None of these have been affected during the heater failure despite being nearer the floor in the same greenhouse). On checking the growing light bulb manufacture's web site to see if replacement bulbs were available, I found that two different type of bulb are needed. The bulbs that I have are what they describe as in the white/blue spectrum ideal for good growth. (I can vouch for that based on last year's experience) and red bulbs giving a light in the spectrum equivalent to sunshine thus encouraging blooms. As these bulbs can be interchanged, I will be ordering some red ones to swap my blue ones near to the blooming dates.

*Horticulture Tips-*

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Now is the time of year to think about bringing out those fuchsias you tucked away in some cozy spot last fall. I hope that you have been regularly checking them and giving them the occasional drink of water when needed.

The weather should now be starting to get warmer and the risk of frost receding so all of your rested plants need to be brought from storage. If you did not re-pot them before putting them away, then the old potting mix needs to be teased off the roots and the fuchsias re-potted in nice fresh compost. If you did not prune them in the fall or only lightly pruned them, now is the time to give them a proper prune, taking off, as a rule of thumb, about two thirds of the current growth. Remove all of the weak and inter-crossing branches, trying to keep a good shape.

With the plants pruned and potted into nice fresh potting mix, it is time to encourage fresh growth. This is best achieved by misting the plants with, as my friend John Ridding always used to say, "moist tepid water". The point being that always use water that is at the same temperature as the plants. When bringing my plants back into growth, I always add **Wonder Grow** to my water at the recommended strength. Because Wonder Grow's consistency is sweet and slightly sticky it retains the moisture around the nodes, softening the wood and encouraging the new growth to break out that much easier. What I will do when all of the stock of this is used up I do not know!

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*Diary of Growing a Fuchsia Pyramid-*

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At this moment the plants that I have cut back are just coming back into growth and making slow progress due to the short day length. They are being fed on a weak high nitrogen feed to encourage the new growth on a weekly basis. The old wood and new growth are being misted on a daily basis (dependent on the weather conditions) with either "Wonder Grow" or weak high nitrogen. I tend not to foliar feed if the outside weather is of high moisture content or raining, as in these conditions the foliage does not dry by night fall and leads to the risk of botrytis.

As you will see from my regular article I have been having heater problems and one of the plants has suffered partial frost burn. It has not affected all of the new growth on the plant, and although it was third from the far end of the greenhouse, with all of the plants in line against the side wall of the greenhouse, this was the only one affected.

## ***Perlite and Vermiculite – Significantly Different ~***

By Chuck Hassett, extracted from the AFS Bulletin 1/1981, the Hummingbird Herald, 2/11; and The Eardrop 12/11.

Lighter than sand or soil, sterile and water retentive, perlite and vermiculite are expanded mineral particles that are used to start seedlings, root cuttings and improve potting mixes. Both these useful substances come from surface-mined ore that is crushed, sorted to size and subjected to extremely high temperatures, 1600-1800 degrees Fahrenheit. In the process, the miniature rocks explode like tiny popcorn kernels into an airy material, which has many horticultural uses.

Beyond the similarities in their method of production, perlite and vermiculite share several attributes. Each bit of material has numerous air pockets, which capture and hold water droplets. Used as soil additives they not only prevent soil from drying out too quickly but also keep it loose and friable. They share the virtue of being sterilized which helps to insure against the exposure of plants to soil pests and diseases. Their light weight takes some of the strain out of lifting pots and baskets.

But that is about where the resemblance ends. Perlite and vermiculite look different and each has its own uses in a growing medium. They aren't really interchangeable.

### ***The Pearly White Stuff***



Perlite, white and dusty, comes in tiny balls ranging up to about a quarter of an inch in diameter. Somewhat pearl-like, its name is derived from the French word for pearl. Actually, perlite is expanded pieces of volcanic glass, composed of silica, aluminum, potassium, sodium and calcium. Unfortunately, it doesn't provide nutrients to the plants because these components are in a chemically inert form. It has a neutral pH of 7.0 - neither acidic nor basic - and won't affect soil's chemistry. Although perlite ore comes from six western states and several foreign countries, its composition is quite consistent. There is no best source for this material.

### ***The Brownish Slippery Stuff***



In contrast to perlite, vermiculite is brownish and rather slick when not wet. Claylike, the raw vermiculite consists of thin sheets of layered material. After the high temperature treatment, vermiculite (its name is derived from the Latin word for worm) looks like an elongated miniature accordion. Lighter than perlite, a cubic foot of the stuff weighs only about seven pounds, dry, compared to about 100 pounds of sand.

Vermiculite's open construction allows water to penetrate its interior, becoming sixteen times heavier when saturated. Perlite, however, is sealed so that moisture can cling only to the exterior surfaces. One negative aspect of vermiculite's open structure is its tendency to collapse under pressure. After six months or so in a growing medium, it begins to compress into flat pieces under the force of repeated watering. Perlite, on the other hand, will last indefinitely as long as you don't tamp it down too hard.



Shenanigans at Shoestring!

By Claudia Attebery

The coffee was on and perking as Lyn Carpenter and Mel Kortlever once again threw open the doors to the greenhouse and welcomed 50 or so of their closest fuchsia friends to their annual Shoestring Nursery Potluck - a party among the posies. We've all come to look forward to this first fuchsia event of the year and with recent storms behind us, this trip to the country was a welcome one.

Most clubs were represented and a contingent from the Southwest Portland group even made the trek. Several new faces were in attendance, including NWFS President, Virginia Ferguson. Will Gibbs, Donna Fellows and Frankie Dennison strutted in sporting new knees and the McMann's were accompanied by their two year old granddaughter, Miss Kyri (a fuchsia buff in the making - start 'em early).

The nice thing about potlucks is that people bring their finest concoctions and this years' spread did not disappoint. We dined on meatloaf, ultra cheesy homemade au gratin potatoes, scrumptious salads and a wonderful assortment of desserts - my favorites were the berry cobblers.

Some of us arrived with checkbook in hand wasting no time perusing the tables hoping to make our first fuchsia purchase of the year and had a wide variety from which to choose.

With the January NWFS board meeting being cancelled, Virginia took a few minutes to announce that the NWFS Annual Meeting will be hosted by North Cascades Fuchsia Society on Saturday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at the Camano Island Senior Center and reminded us of the NWFS plant sale April 7<sup>th</sup> at the Center for Urban Horticulture in Seattle. Shirley Rock spoke about the upcoming Judges Workshop on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 10am in Renton and Ken Gronert proudly announced the winner of Fuchsia Fanciers' "Inspirational Award" - long time member, Ralph Steiger.

I believe I speak for all of us in saying "Thank You" to Lyn and Mel for their most gracious hospitality -we're looking forward to next year.



Kyri brought her grandparents, Dorothy & John McMann



Ralph Steiger



Irene Johnson & Faye Aune-Pierce



Toni McCormick & Frankie Dennison



Hmmm... wonder what they're looking at?



George Lyons & Doug McDonald



Donna Fellows has a captive audience.

Shoestring, cont'd.



Jim Johnson, Ken Stickney  
& Faye Aune Pierce



Shirley Rock, Sally Williams & Pat Arndt



Salli Dahl & Debbie Metzger



Gwen Jensen & Walt North



Bob Anderson & Jerry Rock



Kathy Stickney with Mary Best



Dale Skrivanich & Nadine Rogers



Ken Gronert announced that the recipient of Fuchsia Fancier's Inspirational Award was Ralph Steiger as we dined on gastronomic delights!



Lyn Carpenter scraping the bottom of the pan for every last tasty bit. Southwest Portland Fuchsia Society was represented by Tammy & Tim Baldwin and Verna & Clarence Berger with Will Gibbs (seated).

**Shirley Rock's Graham Cracker Pralines~**

Makes about 5 dozen

Prep: 10 minutes

Bake: 350 F for 10 minutes

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|-----------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 24 whole graham crackers    | 1. Heat oven to 350                                                          |
| 1 cup (2 sticks) butter     | 2. Line jelly roll pan with graham crackers                                  |
| 1 cup packed brown sugar    | 3. In saucepan bring butter & sugar to boil. Boil exactly 1 minute, add nuts |
| 1 cup finely chopped pecans | 4. Pour evenly over graham crackers                                          |
|                             | 5. Bake @ 350 for 10 minutes; remove to rack to cool                         |
|                             | 6. Break apart. Enjoy!                                                       |

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