



NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Fuchsia Flash

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President's Message~

Top Ten Reasons to Attend the Annual Meeting~

- ❖ 10. Lots of great food.
- ❖ 9. A chance to buy cool stuff from the vendors.
- ❖ 8. The Raffle for donated baskets from the member Societies.
- ❖ 7. See a location that many of us have not been to (Centre at Norpoint – see directions inside)
- ❖ 6. Did I mention the good food?
- ❖ 5. See the Photo Contest Winners.
- ❖ 4. Talk about how great the display at Lakewold was (See pictures, if you missed it!)
- ❖ 3. Honor the winners of the various trophies.
- ❖ 2. Buy things from the Irene Bergman collection to support the scholarship program.

And The Top Reason To Attend the Annual Meeting~

- ❖ **1. Renew friendships and visit with other Fuchsia Lovers!**

See you there – October 22 – come on time, as we will not be letting any weeds grow under our feet.

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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.~

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~2011 Fuchsia Sales and Events~

Oct. 3	BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society 50 th Anniversary Celebration
Oct. 22	Annual Meeting at Norpoint Center, 4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma, 11am to 2:30pm
Nov. 5	NWFS Judges Symposium, St. Matthews Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton
Nov.12	NWFS Board Meeting, 10am, Renton Highlands Library, 2902 NE 12 th Street, Renton

Future NWFS Sale dates are: April 7, 2012; April 6, 2013 and April 5, 2014

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~B.C. Fuchsia and Begonia Society~

We cordially invite you to our 50th Anniversary Celebration Monday, October 3, 2011 at St. Helen's Catholic Church Gymnasium, 3871 Pandora Street, Burnaby, Canada
Doors open at 6:00pm for Happy Hour; Dinner at 7

Who would have thought that when 15 people met and formed the B.C. Fuchsia and Begonia Society 50 years ago that the club would still be around today celebrating its Golden Anniversary. How many clubs do you know of that have retained memberships of almost 40 years? Have you ever wondered about all those fuchsia enthusiasts you have met from Canada over the years and haven't seen for quite a while? Now is the time to re-cultivate those former gardening friendships. True to our tradition, we will be hosting a fantastic Potluck Supper complete with entertainment and fellowship.

If you have any photos of yourself or of any other members or club functions from when you were a member please bring them along with you to share with others

If you are a former member or wish to attend, please call Elsie at 604-299-5438 or Fran at 604-591-3262 or e-mail info@bcfuchsiasociety.com

~NWFS Judges Symposium~

Greetings NWFS Judges,

Please mark your calendars for Saturday, November 5, 2011 for the NWFS Judges' Symposium to be held at St. Matthews Fellowship Hall, 1700 Edmonds Avenue NE, Renton, WA from 10am to 1pm.

- Please bring your lunch.
- I will supply beverages and snacks.

This is your opportunity to discuss any problems you encountered as a NWFS judge, any recommendations you may have, and fun encounters that you would like to share with the group. If you have suggestions for spring workshops, please bring them also.

I hope you are having a great summer. The fuchsias sure seem to like it. Feel free to contact me with your questions.

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~Sunshine~

It's been a tough month for several Eastside members, cards were sent to: Ron Bean of who is recuperating from a recent hospital stay; Jackie Lyons is fighting off the effects of a bad cold; 99 year old Hope Grider took a bad fall while attending the Eastside picnic but checked out okay at the hospital; Luanna Martin dangled from her roof after missing the ladder and fell to the deck badly injuring her foot which resulted in an overnight hospital stay – nothing broken, but still hobbling around.

North Cascades member, Betty Peary also ended up in the emergency room after a terrible fall hitting her head on pavement. No broken bones, but the resulting bruises lingered for weeks.

We send them our best wishes and hope they are back on their feet.

If you know of someone that needs to be remembered, please contact:

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~In Memory Of~

It is with great sorrow that the Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society announces of the passing of long time member Glenn Danielson on Sunday, September 25th, 2011.

Glenn along with his wife Lois, were members of PVFS for more than twenty years. Glenn was very active not only in all the club meetings, but could be counted on to help with club fund raisers such as “pottings” at Watson's & Windmill Nurseries. He and Lois attended most of the conventions, were regulars at the annual meetings and entered many lovely fuchsias in our clubs' judged show every year.

After Lois passed away a few years ago, he and his granddaughter, Andrea Oliva continued to attend our club meetings every month. Glenn was always a happy, joyous person and will be sorely missed by our club.

Our thoughts and prayers go to Andrea and her family. No services are planned at this time.

Thank You, Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society.

By Robin Wilkson

Special Request from the Editor~

If your club has changed or will be changing officers and reps please be sure to let me know so I can update the information on the last page of the Flash.

Thanks,

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~Fuchsias Through the Years~

We want to thank all members that participated in the show by raising about three hundred fuchsias. We had lovely weather and it was nice and cool on the grounds. Lots of members took time out of their busy lives to work at the show. Lakewold was thrilled at the beauty of the flowers and our enthusiasm. Lakewold said they had about two hundred paying visitors for the three days. They heard nothing but positive comments. Thanks for a job well done. Donna Fellows and Florence Bond



Eastside



Fuchsia Fanciers



Checking out Greater Seattle & Pilchuck



Lakebay



North Cascades



Olympia



Peninsula



Puget Sound



Puyallup Valley



Sno-King



Tahoma



Sale Tables



Beautiful Blossom Table

NWFS Annual Meeting

Hosted by: Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society

Saturday, October 22nd 11:00am-2:30pm

The Center at Norpoint

4818 Nassau Ave NE, Tacoma, Washington 98422

We hope you are planning on attending the NW Annual Meeting this year. Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society has planned on you having a wonderful time. Be sure and arrive early to do your shopping at the many vendor booths, and to be sure and to look over all the great raffle baskets that you can purchase tickets to win. Maybe you'll be the winner of the beautiful 24" X 10" wood carved fuchsia plaques or the metal sculptured wreath of a hummingbird & flowers, 18" in diameter, and a hand woven wall hanging of a hummingbird & fuchsia. Tickets are \$1.00 each. You pick your favorite. So everyone bring your favorite salad and join us for the fun.

If you've got questions please don't hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Robin Wilkson, Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society

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So. 348th St. becomes SW Campus Drive

SW Campus Drive becomes SW 336th Way

SW 336th St. becomes SW 336th Way

SW 336th Way becomes SW 340th St.

SW 340th St. becomes Northshore Pkwy.

Turn LEFT onto Nassau Ave. NE 4818 Nassau Ave. NE is on the RIGHT.

Sounds complicated, but just a winding 5 mile drive from I-5 freeway.





By Salli Dahl dahlhaus@g.com

FUCHSIA SEASON, the BEST time of year

There are so many possibilities during 'fuchsia season', and they are well worth going to!

Visiting the gardens of friends is one of the most interesting. In July I went north to speak at North Cascades, and I went early to see two private gardens.

First Shirley Rock gave me directions to her and Jerry's developing landscape in Marysville. You realize immediately that this area in spring would be spectacular with all the rhodies blooming. Some are taller than the roof, and one was still in bloom. We walked through them and the firs to Shirley's fuchsia nursery with a large collection of different starts. Then further through the trees and around the corner are the perennial garden beds surrounding a pergola. While the garden is still "under construction" by next season the area will be spectacular throughout the spring, summer and fall.



Then Shirley took me to Betty and Jack Peary's home on Camano Island. Those of you in Lore know that blossoms at the Peary's are everywhere. You can sit on the long deck among flower planters and gaze out at the sound and the garden there. Or you can stay at the flower garden in front and wander the paths that are just packed with bloomers. Betty was sorry that not all the fuchsias were blooming, but if they were, there would be some serious eye strain from all the color.

Visit gardens- new ones, developing ones and more mature ones for great ideas and enjoyable views.

The next activity that's fascinating is at the specialist nurseries. There's still time, and they are so interesting. (Well, of course there's Kevin Jones' extravaganza on the 24th which includes a judged show... we aren't done yet.) Visit those specialist nurseries.



In August I went north again to Doyle Yancy's potluck at Egg and I Gardens in Chimacum. On the way I stopped at the Farmers' Market in Port Orchard where Faye Aune-Pierce and Ken Pierce have Secret Garden Boutique. They have the store front set up to engage your interest right away with potted plants, starts, jewelry... What really grabs your attention however are Faye's container specialties. She finds medal/wrought iron containers, applies a patina that will bring out the color of the intended fuchsia, greens up the moss and pinches only to the point that makes the fuchsia bloom well but still allows the growth to be seen. They are gorgeous items you would want to place at your front door so that you and everyone else would see them every day.

Then I went on to Doyle's and there's another developing 'wow'. The nursery is being carved out of the woods, and there's a gravel drive, a barn and then a pond with an overturned boat. Two boys were whooping and hollering and having a great time. (It was the early 1900's version of the Olde Swimmin' Hole) Up by the greenhouse are beds being filled with dahlias, perennials and of course fuchsias. They are planted around picnic tables, a fire pit, a 'waterfall' out of an old stump, paths...you get the picture I'm sure. I am anxious to see it next year!

Finally, after all the planning and work done by Donna Fellows, Florence Bond and the enthusiastic Puyallup group, the Lakewold displays occurred. When you have 13 groups preparing displays, you get a weekend that is very satisfying. We saw people we haven't seen for quite some time; we met new people, curious about fuchsias; and, the grounds, facility and Lakewold staff was just super. Everything contributed to making it an excellent event. I hope we do it again and again in several gardens. (We could even include a judged show for those who enjoy that feature.) We could just "take our show on the road"! It's kind of like a convention outdoors with lots of help.

Around the Sound & Beyond Our Borders~

By Joan Hampton

Our Show season is over with the biggest display show at Lakewold. Read all about it elsewhere in this issue.

Eastside Fuchsia Society~



Their judged Show and plant sale at BBG was very successful, and congrats to George Lyons on Best in Show. Their summer picnic in Susie and Ron Bean's beautiful Garden was a great success. So many members attended and the yummy food complimented the great salmon. Now they are back to business with wintering fuchsias.

Fuchsia Fanciers~ Salli Dahl hosted a September potluck so the members could look at all her fuchsias (and sneak some cuttings!), pet Golly, the dog, and at dessert time there was blackberry topping for ice cream!

Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society~

September is Member Appreciation. Throughout the year, as members sign in, they also sign a slip of paper that is put into a box, and in September a name is drawn. The winner must be present and receives a free membership and a gift certificate to Sky Nursery. The winner this year was Joan Hampton. Ron Herzog then gave a demonstration on multi-cuttings – 6-10 tip cuttings are placed in a 3" container and placed under an upside-down jar until rooted. Those cuttings will always remain together, moving up in pot size to the final container. When entered in the Show for judging, it is placed in 'Other' as the number of plants exceeds the Hanging Basket category.

Lakebay Fuchsia Society~ They had a garden tour in place of their September meeting seeing different gardens and then had a potluck. They've also continued maintaining their display garden on Wednesdays at the Civic Center where new retaining walls have been built. The fuchsias are really growing now!

North Cascades Fuchsia Society~



Their Judged Show was held at Jordan Nursery during the "Annual Blossom Festival". This year NCFS opened their show to all members of NWFS - another chance to strut their stuff and win some ribbons. They welcomed entries from Greater Seattle, Sno-King & Olympia. Kay Negley (NCFS, at left) had some beautiful plants as is evidenced by her many ribbons. August had them all at Jack and Betty Peary's home for a potluck and to enjoy the beautiful garden of blooms – not only fuchsias, but many other types of flowers. A sight to behold!

Puget Sound Fuchsia Society~ Madeline Williams hosted their annual picnic, and an ice cream social was enjoyed by all. Their display garden is ready for planting so they'll be working on that soon. Their September meeting was a trip to Jordan Nursery for the festive events there.

Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society~ They've been busy this summer. Their Judged Show was held at Watson's Nursery, they had a plant sale during Milton Days and a BBQ/potluck at Margie's. And they are our hosts for the Annual Meeting later in October and they've got everything ready for us!

Sno-King Fuchsia Society~



One of their members volunteered her home for their September meeting on one of those hot September evenings, so they enjoyed her patio and surrounding gardens. Other members opened their homes and garden for Sno-King's first ever progressive dinner and garden tour (see photos below) October will be a cutting party, officer elections, and awarding trophies from their show held in early August, a busy meeting! Their members have also been working on their display garden at Country Village and they've refurbished their sign.

Tahoma Fuchsia Society~ Speaking of new signs – Tahoma members sip a toast as they celebrate the installation of their new sign at their fuchsia display garden at Point Defiance Park in Tacoma. *Pictured left to right are: Peggy DeCicco, Jackie LaVerne, Mary Henry, Florence Bond, Virginia Ferguson, Ollie Bond, Mary Best, Steve Herbig and Kathy & Ken Stickney.*



Western Fuchsia Species Society~ They had a potluck and meeting at Sue Randall's home in Portland the end of August. They are still taking cuttings of species and also talked about the sprouting of the *F. excorticata* seeds they received from Will Gibbs recently. They are having another meeting at Lake Wilderness to see how the plants in that garden are growing.

Hybridizers Group~ At the conclusion of the Species Meeting and the potluck, those interested in hybridizing met. They had color charts and worked on the possibility of introductions for next year. Ron and Debbie Monnier were unable to come but they are looking for some of their varieties that they lost last year during the freeze.

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In this day of computers, we are no longer exchanging paper copies of Bulletins. Most of the countries beyond our borders have web sites that are filled with information. We hope you will take time to visit them!

BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society invites you to their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration which will be held on Monday October 3, 2011. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner at 7:00 p.m. It'll be a fun time for everyone! Please RSVP [info@bcfuchsiasociety.com](mailto:info@bcfuchsiasociety.com) In the meantime they are getting their begonias and fuchsias ready for winter.

Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club – They had their Show in late August with Tina van Rijn winning the Fuchsia Division, Jean Hausermann winning the Begonia Division and also the Shade Loving Division, and Robert Lau winning the Pelargonium Division. Earlier in the month their also had a garden tour to three gardens on one of those sunny but not hot days. [www.icangarden.com](http://www.icangarden.com)

American Fuchsia Society – Their photo contest ended September 1<sup>st</sup>, so watch for the results on their website and on their calendars which will soon be available. In an article from Australia in 1991, is the caveat “A golden rule: Do Not prune heat stressed plants.” We here in Washington really haven't had the heat problem this season, but other years it could have been a problem. AFS branches are having interesting fall programs from slide shows, picnics, and cutting exchanges. [www.americanfuchsiasociety.org](http://www.americanfuchsiasociety.org)

Here are some sites to visit:

New Zealand – [www.nzfuchsia.co.nz](http://www.nzfuchsia.co.nz)

Germany – [www.fuchsien.ddfgg.de](http://www.fuchsien.ddfgg.de) click on the fuchsia section, but they have lots of good information in all of their sections.

As we all know, there is so much information on fuchsias (and all other kinds of flowers and plants) on the internet. Just use your search engines to see what comes up. And in fact, try different search engines. You might find something new!

### *Fuchsia Meaning and Definitions~*

1. (n.) *A genus of flowering plants having elegant drooping flowers, with four sepals, four petals, eight stamens, and a single pistil. They are natives of Mexico and South America. Double-flowered varieties are now common in cultivation.*

## *How to Propagate Fuchsia Cuttings*

By Sharon Miller

### **Materials needed:**

- Cutting tray or deli salad container or styrofoam container cup or take home tray.
- I use Black Gold seed starting mix. I have used this the last couple of years and it has been very successful.
- Razor blade or very sharp scissors [hair shears] you can buy these at beauty supply stores that don't require a license. Hair shears won't rust, they are meant to be used on wet hair.
- Plastic dome or plastic wrap or top to deli container.
- Pencil or wood chop sticks
- Plastic plant tags and permanent marking pen
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### **Heat sources for cuttings:**

- Heating cable stapled to plywood and covered with hardware cloth or the cable buried in a sandbox.
- You can now purchase seed tray sized heat mats that will work well for a limited amount of cuttings.



### **General information:**

These cuttings do not need SUN LIGHT to root. In fact they should be protected from direct sun light as it will sun burn their leaves. Bottom heat really encourages rooting in fall cuttings. I never use root hormones, but if you wish to I would recommend Dip and Grow which is a liquid. The powders tend to clog the end of the cutting and pretty soon it is dead. Dip and Grow gives different formulas for soft, semi- hard and hard wood cuttings. The cover on these cuttings should be removed every day for at least 15 minutes to give them some air circulation. I tend to prop the top open on my domes for a few hours. My green house is very cool and the trays are on a heat cable so they don't tend to evaporate the moisture too fast. If you are propagating inside your house remember the air is dryer and so don't leave the cover off too long. Before covering the cuttings again be sure to mist with a fine mist of water. Those leaves really appreciate it. Save all your household cleaner bottles with spray triggers. Clean them good with soapy water and make sure you pump it up into the sprayer. Rinse well, sprayer and bottle. I use spray bottles in the green house so much even the more expensive spray pumps wear out. Check the moisture in the cutting medium frequently also. If it dries out your cutting is history. You can soak your cuttings in a fungicide prior to putting them in the rooting medium. I have used Consan 20, available in the garden section of most stores. This will help prevent botrytis. Don't be impatient about your cuttings rooting. Sometimes it can take up to 6 weeks. After they are rooted they will probably not do a lot of growing unless you have some great light. I do use a very weak solution of fertilizer when I water them after they are rooted. You could use any water soluble fertilizer, about 1 tsp to a gallon, as you won't be watering them every day in the winter. As long as the cutting has a leaf or two or shows a green nubbin it's alive and will probably take off growing as the days start to look more promising. I don't usually pot my on until the end of Jan or mid February. How do you know if they are rooted? I usually don't do this for about 2 weeks, but just give the cutting a very gentle tug! I generally keep them on bottom heat for a good 4 weeks or more. Some varieties root more easily than others so there is no definite time line. Good luck and don't be discouraged. Once you've had success you'll never stop doing it.

## Arthur Says~

By Arthur Phillips



While checking the AFS data base on registered cultivars to check out the proposed names for two of Nancy's hybrids, (they will be *Mersty* & *Cherry Lee*) I decided I would check out a cultivar given to me several years ago by Ove Pearson when we were visiting his nursery in Kent. Ove said he had not at that time decided whether he would be releasing it, but if he did he would name it "Water Color" and not to do anything with it until he had decided what he was going to do. When he had decided he would let me know. I have kept this striking little plant growing all of these years with several cuttings taken from it. But never hearing from Ove, it has only been on our property, with just Nancy and me enjoying it.

After checking with Will Gibbs, it would appear that this cultivar is not available and around in the Pacific Northwest and that I might have the only cultivar. If anyone knows of it I would be interested to know. Yes, Ove did register it as "Water Color" in 2002. It is an upright bush slow growing medium sized double. The blooms are held outward on short jointed stiff growth. The tubes and sepals are a light red to pink held down. The corolla is a very light luminous blue held very tight. Very free flowering for a double. Foliage is a mid green. It is a cross between *Lorna Herchenson* x *Dark eyes*. I have taken it to Carol Gubler for release in the UK, as Ove is no longer with us and it is a registered cultivar, others should enjoy its beauty.



*Lorna Herchenson*



*Dark Eyes*

I always thought that when I retired I would have acres of time to do all of the things that I wanted to, but how wrong I was. Looking at the fuchsias, I recon I need to spend a month working on them just to get the ones ready for the Malvern Autumn Show which is only two weeks away. Then get everything sorted, those to be watered, what watering system to put in place, which plants we are going to discard, and which need to be dried out for cutting back. Checking the calendar, I only have ten days before we get on the plane to come to the Pacific Northwest. (We will be at the GSFS October meeting & the Christmas Party). I just do not know how I ever managed going to work.

In my last article, I wrote about trying to grow a pyramid but could not find any books on the subject. Well, Janis Bergquist kindly e-mailed me to say there was an article in a book by W. P Woods on the subject. This is a publication that I do not have, and e-mailed Janis back thanking her. But I did not have this book. So she very kindly e-mailed me the relevant section. In doing so, she suggested that I keep a diary on my efforts. This I have been doing, and if the Editor has room, then you will find volume 1 of this diary elsewhere in the Flash with some photographs on my progress. At the moment I am growing the pyramid my way, which is using four plants, not as described in the W. P. Woods book using only one plant.



*Harry Gray*



*In August*



*In September*

Just as a note of closure. The fan of *Veenlust* got away from me and bloomed, so it will be left to dry out and cut back to restart around November as will all of the trees I started at the same time. The fan of *Harry Gray* will be kept in green growth through the winter hopefully to be used at sometime next summer.

\*A little foot note of an incident I meant to include in the original article. While waiting to judge the BFS Southwestern Show, Geoff Oke and I were asked to come and look at one of the exhibitor's plants, which he had not yet staged. He thought that it might have *Fuchsia Gall Mite*. Leaving our nice cup of tea, we duly went together and inspected the said plant which did indeed have the very early stages of *Fuchsia Gall Mite*. Although I had seen *Fuchsia Gall Mite* during my trip to the last Fuchsia Convention in San Francisco, this was the first instance I had seen in the UK. The question then was should the exhibitor remove all of his plants from the show. After discussion, it was felt that as the other plants had no obvious signs of the pest, then they would be alright left in the show. But on reflection, I wonder if the decision was right, because as judges, Geoff and I handle all of the plants including with the larger ones turning the foliage to check for pest and diseases. I just hope and pray that we were correct and in doing so not transferred the dreaded nasty to other plants, as being a National Show; exhibitors come from a wide area of the country.

By Arthur Phillips

After searching many books we could find nothing on how to grow a fuchsia pyramid so we have started by trial and error. And concluded that the best way to start was to grow four identical plants individually until such time as it would be decided that they would be potted into what would be the final pot.



**May 15<sup>th</sup>** we purchased four young plants of “*Swingtime*” selecting four bushy plants as near as possible all of the same size. But one is slightly smaller than others. These plants were all housed together in our shade house on the floor, (there is no room anywhere else) and fed each day with a high nitrogen liquid feed at approximately 1/7<sup>th</sup> strength for one week. These were then left to their own devices while we visited the USA for four weeks, being cared for by the automatic watering system, and getting no feed during that period.

**25<sup>th</sup> June** we potted all four plants from the 2 inch containers they were grown in, into 3 inch square pots, using a potting mix that contains feed. The feeding regime resumed.

**5<sup>th</sup> July** they were all potted on into 5inch pots using the same potting mix with feed. Again getting their daily liquid feed. They were still living on the shade house floor but in more cramped conditions as all the plants were growing so well.

**15<sup>th</sup> July** they were all potted on into 6inch half pots, using the same potting mix, they were by this time putting on a considerable amount of growth. Room was getting by now quite cramped and several plants had started to grow into one another, but the “*Swingtimes*” were given sufficient room to grow. At this time we were going off to Switzerland, so they would be left in the care of the automatic watering system for ten days with no supplemental feeding.

**27<sup>th</sup> July** they were all potted back into the 6inch half pots with approximately ½ inch of compost being taken from the bottom and all around the sides. This space was filled with new potting mix. This allows new root growth without increasing the pot size.



**1<sup>st</sup> August** each plant was tied to its first frame work, so that they could be grown on *espalier* fashion. This took a considerable amount of time fitting the frame work to make the best use of the considerable growth that each plant had made. As the branches were brought into the desired shape, the unusable growth was cut out, and with considerable tying and untying, so that branches could be fed into place, this was minimal. At the same time side shoots were stopped in the hope that laterals would form to start in filling the spaces, as well as encouraging the unstopped branches to make more longitudinal growth. Also some of the side shoots that would be at the back of the frame were also removed on the basis that they would not contribute to the shaping of the *espalier*.

**8<sup>th</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> August.** During this week a considerable amount of time (around 45minutes a plant) has been spent inserting canes and tying branches to train the required shape!!, as well as stopping and removing side shoots that did not appear to be of benefit to the shaping of the plant. At this moment the growth is moving on quite nicely.



**9<sup>th</sup> September:** the four *Swingtimes* are now starting to get away from me and need urgent attention, as we will be in the Pacific Northwest for two weeks from the 28<sup>th</sup> September; I am thinking I will start drying them out to over winter instead of keeping them in green growth. I will add more on this later.

**NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING**  
**September 15, 2011**

President Virginia Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:30. She welcomed 24 members and one guest, Tammy Brown of Olympia Fuchsia Society. Sharon Miller introduced Betty Foster; she will replace Robin Reason as a Lakebay representative.

**The minutes of the July 21<sup>st</sup> meeting were approved** as written.

**Donna Fellows has no "Sunshine"** to report.

**Sally Williams presented the treasurer's report** which was approved as written.

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

**FLASH** – Claudia Attebery reminded the group that the deadline for Flash articles is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding publication (Jan 10, Mar 10, May 10, July 10, Sept 10 & Nov 10). Upon completion the Flash is emailed to each club president and rep; they, in turn, are responsible for forwarding it to their club members.

**JUDGES SYMPOSIUM** will be in November at St. Matthews Church, Renton

**HISTORIAN** – Gwen Jensen was not at the meeting - no report was given.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Joan Hampton reported that since our PO Box was cancelled, two items have been forwarded to her home address. She distributed the 2012 New Zealand calendars. We no longer receive newsletters from some of our international friends - she will publish their websites in the October Flash. Claudia Attebery informed the group that Peninsula Fuchsia has no formal President – Donna Gearns is their club contact.

**SPRING PLANT SALE** will be held in conjunction with the Miller Library Book Sale at CUH on the following Saturdays: April 7, 2012; April 6, 2013 and April 5, 2014. Setup will as usual be on the Friday before. Bob Anderson added that room rental will be higher next year. We're looking into the use of credit/debit machines. Virginia wonders if we could borrow one from a "business person". Gloria McDonald suggested this information be included on the postcard.

**SPEAKERS LIST**- Frankie Dennison said that Shirley Rock would like to be removed from the list.

**GROWERS LIST**- Frances Underwood will contact Jackie LaVerne to let her know she is back on the list.

**NWFS ROSTER**- Pat Arndt has nothing new to report.

**HARDY LIST**- Salli Dahl said there are some fuchsias that need to be added to the list. If you have plants in the ground at home in your personal garden or club display garden that have been there for at least three years, it probably should be added to the "Hardy List". Please send Salli a picture of the plant and blossom along with a note as to when it bloomed. Grower, Tammy Brown, uses white tags for regular plants and orange tags for her hardies.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Donna Fellows gave a report on the Lakewold Garden Show. She thanked all the clubs for their participation and indicated that the Lakewold staff was very pleased with public attendance. She shared the fact that "well water" was used for the blossom display and the blooms remained beautiful for the duration. Donna inquired as to whether we'd like to do it again - a conversation ensued. Some are hesitant and Salli Dahl suggested that this be done at other garden venues. Lakewold would like a link to the NWFS website. The "club share" of presold tickets has been mailed. Virginia suggested that show photos be projected in a slide show during the annual meeting.

An inquiry was made as to the status of a NWFS calendar. Joan Hampton says that Costco only makes calendars during the months of September, October and November and cannot be marked with special dates. The option is still open.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**St. Matthews's Church rental**- Virginia had copies of a rental agreement that Dan Winchester and herself signed with the church for the January and March meetings. A fee was indicated but Sally Williams said that since Dan is a member, we've never had to pay for the NW meeting but there will be a \$75 charge for the "Judges Symposium" in November. Sharon Miller suggested we make a donation to the church. The November meeting will be at the Renton Highlands Library, 2902 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton, 10am.

**Nominating Committee**- George Lyons announced that he and Will Gibbs were happy to present the 2011/2012 slate of officers as follows: President, **Virginia Ferguson**; Vice-president, **Kevin Jones**; Treasurer, **Sally Williams** and Secretary, **Frances Underwood**. Joan Hampton moved that the nominations be closed. The membership voted that nominations be approved as presented.

**Annual Meeting**- Sally Wipf informed the group that we must vacate the building (Center at Norpoint) by 3pm sharp. Reps were asked to inform their clubs that door prize donations be kept to a bare minimum due to time constraints. Vendor sales area is full; Sally Williams is providing her own tables for selling Irene Bergums' memorabilia.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Donna Fellows has old bulletins if someone would like them, Salli Dahl obliged.

Salli Dahl announced that the "Species" picnic at Lake Wilderness has been rescheduled to October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1pm, bring a sack lunch.

**The regular meeting adjourned at 8:46pm** and committees met to vote for recipients of "Special Awards" that will be presented at the annual meeting. **The next NWFS board meeting will be Saturday, November 12, 2011, 10:00am at the Renton Highlands Library, 2902 NE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton. North Cascades and Pilchuck will provide refreshments.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Claudia Attebery for Jackie Lyons, Secretary

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EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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

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West of I-5 off @ exit 82  
Centralia, WA 98531  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday, 7pm  
Reps: Salli Dahl, Ken Gronert

Salli Dahl, President  
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GREATER SEATTLE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

St Paul's United Church of Christ  
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Seattle, WA 98117-5246  
Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7pm  
Reps: Claudia Attebery, Gwen Jensen &  
Ralph Underwood, Alt- Ron Herzog

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LAKEBAY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Key Center Library  
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Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday, 7pm  
Reps: Ken Crocker, Betty Foster  
& Sharon Miller

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NORTH CASCADES FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Creekside Retirement Community  
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Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, 7pm  
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OLYMPIA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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PENINSULA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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PILCHUCK FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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PUGET SOUND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

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