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October Meeting

Christina Pfeiffer will share her knowledge of growing plants under evergreens. Christina is a Master Gardener and former horticulturist at the Washington Park Arboretum.

October Horticulture

By Jerry Rock

Last chance to hydrate plants! Dropping leaves can be lack of plant to utilize water in the soil or they have already started to dry, i.e. root rot, etc. Hydrate plants by adding one ounce of Simple Green or bio-degradable soap in a two-gallon watering can. A three foot plant will get the entire contents. The principal is based in science; soil has an affinity to water or the plant can get water from the soil! These are called pressure gradients! If the soil can exert more draw than the plant, the plant dehydrates and dies. The soap water switches this *bio gradient* in the plant's favor.

Hydrate plants before the freezes and after two days of thaw. Freeze drying can occur in winter temperatures. Mulch with two to four inches. Avoid direct contact with the stem. The distance from the stem is enough to avoid stem rot and protect roots from the cold and dehydration. Ask me about mulches at the meeting.

Meeting Courtesy

Please be considerate at the meetings. If you are talking during the meeting/program others may not be able to hear over you. Please take it outside or into the kitchen area.

Cutting Workshop

A cutting workshop will be held September 26th at Chuck's Nursery in Arlington. Hours are 1–3 pm. All supplies will be provided by the Chapter. This is your opportunity to learn how rhododendron cuttings are processed. Bring a cutting from your favorite rhody. Best cuttings are taken in the morning and should be about eight inches long. Be sure to RSVP to Cheryl Arney at 360-435-3030.

• Oct. 1, 2009

First Baptist Church
81st & State Ave
Marysville, WA

• Meet'n Greet: 7:00PM

• Program at 7:30pm

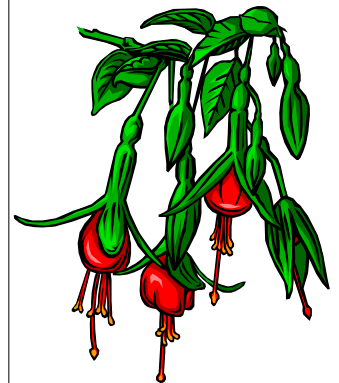
Oct. Program:
The Art of Japanese Gardens

Refreshments

Fuchsia Society
Please bring enough
for 25 folks

Raffle !

Thank you to those
who bring raffle items!
Thank you to those
who buy tickets!!



**Pilchuck Chapter ARS
Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2009**

Our first meeting of the new season was called to order by President Barbara Blankenship, and introductions were made to our new club companions, the Pilchuck Fuchsia Society. It's to be noted that many are members of both societies so the two clubs should blend well at our monthly meetings.

The program started off with a PowerPoint presentation by Richard and Jennifer Fairfield. Their show was about their travels to many gardens in Japan, featuring the styles and customs of both public and private gardens.

Each club group then took turns conducting their business agenda. Cheryl Arney reviewed the achievements of an earlier board meeting that set the "housekeeping rules" for the coming season. It was MSP to send a payment of \$75 to First Baptist Church for the use of our meeting place. Fred Kirby was designated to research a possible "Annual Bus Trip" for next Spring. It is presumed the costs will be noticeably higher than past trips. Jerry Rock is the chairman for the plant sale next spring. We have a good inventory of plants but need more. Action needs to be taken soon on a source for plants for our annual plant sales next May.

Horticulture was provided by Frankie Dennison (Fuchsia Club) and Jerry Rock (Rhody Club).

The meeting was concluded with a plant raffle and auction conducted by Jerry Rock.

The Pilchuck Fuchsia Society will provide the program, refreshments, and raffle items at the October meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Lawson - Secretary

October Birthdays

October 31—Dave Hammond. Dave is a charter member of our Chapter.

Annual Dues

Annual dues need to be in to our Treasurer, Wayne Lawson, as soon as possible if you want to receive the winter issue of the Journal. The dues have changed this year: individual and family dues are now combined as 'regular' at \$40. You can choose to not receive the Journal by checking the box at the bottom of the dues envelop.

Programs for 2009-2010

If you have a topic that you think would interest the members, please let a board member know. We will do our best to meet your request. We have a potential plan for the year, and will always welcome your suggestions. We hope you enjoy the programs and learn something new. We want to have a little fun too!

Oct 1 - Growing plants under evergreen by Christina Pfeiffer.

Nov 5—Putting Your Garden to Bed by Michelle Clark (1 hr)

Dec 3—Holiday party

Jan 7—Passion for Rhododendrons

Feb 4—program provided by the fuchsia club

Mar 4—Travelogue of Temples and Gardens in Japan by Richard & Jennifer Fairfield

April 1—provided by the fuchsia club

May 6— Picnic

May 8—Plant sale at the Master Gardener plant sale in Mt. Vernon

Keep this page next to your calendar!

R. 'Seaview Sunset' was hybridized by Frank Fujioka.





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