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September Meeting

Japanese gardens have been evolving for over 1000 years and contain many specific elements as well as much symbolism important to their culture. Jennifer and Richard Fairfield took a tour of Japanese Gardens in 2007. Come hear their take on the Art of the Japanese Garden. They will touch on their take on the history, symbology (interpretation of symbols) and elements that make up a Japanese Garden, all punctuated with photographic examples.

September Horticulture

By Jerry Rock

Clean up and remove any dead branches from your rhodies. If you planted them this year, you might want to mulch them for the winter. I quit fertilizing by July so the plants have a chance to harden off before the harsh weather sets in. Make sure they are hydrated. If you have questions or comments, please bring them to the September meeting. I'll be happy to answer any questions and give you my two cents!

Convention Winner

June 9, 2009
Pilchuck Chapter, ARS

I would like to thank you for the fantastic 'basket' of goodies I 'won' at the convention. I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed all the wonderful gardening things. Most of these have been used already...and...the clever basket which is really a great 'basket' to put all my weeds, etc. in and carry along on my way. Whoever put this together is a generous gardener. The long 50' coil hose with faucet set was used the very first day...great thing to have in my yard. The aqua globs are in my pots on the patio and look so nice, and even they are very useful. The wine was a special treat!

I know we paid for these baskets but you put so much thought into this that I couldn't believe how much I can use in my garden all year. I could go on and on but just want to let you know how much I appreciated everything. Thank you for your cleverness in putting this together...you must have had me in mind, AND I will have you in mind every time I go to my garden.

Sincerely,
Dee Smith, Cascade Chapter ARS

• Sept. 3, 2009

First Baptist Church
81st & State Ave
Marysville, WA

• Meet'n Greet: 7:00PM

• Program at 7:30pm

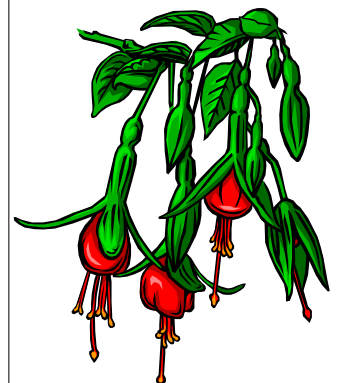
Sept. Program:
The Art of Japanese Gardens

Refreshments

Last name starts with
A—L
Please bring enough
for 25 folks

Raffle !

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



Combined Planning Meeting Aug. 18, 2009

The Pilchuck Rhododendron Society and the Pilchuck Fuchsia Society met at Jennings Park to discuss the sharing of meetings and programs. The rhody club will provide programs for September, November, January, March, and May. The fuchsia club will provide programs for October, February, and April. The club providing the program also will be responsible for refreshments and the raffle/auction.

The general breakdown in time: 7—7:30 Social; 7:30—8:15 program; 8:15—8:30 horticulture (5 minutes rhody, 10 minutes fuchsia); 8:30—9 business meeting if any; 9pm raffle/auction.

September Birthdays

September 15th—Barbara Harris and Doug Keough!

May Plant Sale

The annual Skagit County Master Gardener Plant Fair was held Saturday May 9, 2009 at Skagit County Fairgrounds at 1410 Virginia Street in Mount Vernon. This event was very well attended and has grown steadily through the years. We had another successful year!

The left over plants will either be auctioned at the club meetings or sold at the plant sale next year. The Rock's have a good inventory of plants for next year's sale. Come over any time to check them out.

May Picnic

Great turn out, wonderful weather, terrific food! Any photos taken?



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!

Sept. 3—The Art of Japanese Gardens by Richard & Jennifer Fairfield
 Sept 18—20—ARS Western Regional, Collecting Rhododendrons around the World
 Oct 1 - Soil Reconstruction by Frank Jones
 Nov 5—Putting Your Garden to Bed by Michelle Clark
 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!

ARS Western Regional, Sept. 18—20
'Collecting Rhododendrons Around the World'
Best Western Evergreen Inn & Suites

32124 25th Ave South, Federal Way, WA 98023, telephone 253-529-4000 or 1-800-937-8376.
 Hosted by District 3—Tacoma, Gig Harbor, Olympia, and Olympic Peninsula Chapters.

Speakers subjects include collecting rhododendrons from Turkey, Sikkim, Borneo, Alaska and Canada. Discussions on photography, landscape design, pest control, organic soil improvement, micro propagation, and hardy ferns to name a few.

This is an opportunity to engage in some new topics, meet old friends and make new ones. And it is close by...Federal Way. There is also a free shuttle to the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden!

Date	Event	Comments
Sept 3	Chapter Meeting	Japanese Gardens
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Nov 5	Chapter Meeting	Putting Garden to Bed
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Jan 7	Chapter Meeting	Passion for Rhodies



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