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*A Communiqué by
women and men dedicated to improving the lives of women and girls
through programs leading to social and economic empowerment.*

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*“Of all the things
I’ve done,
the most vital
is coordinating those
who work with me
and aiming
their efforts
at a certain goal.”
~Walt Disney*

Message from the President

May. The beginnings of so much activity in nature, both plants and animals. Such a joy to see all of the babies in the pastures and the new sprouts of life showing their heads in all of the local gardens. Creekside Haven (my property) has been popping up new sprouts daily it seems!

May also shows the fruits of all of the hard work our members have done in the last six months to get ready for the Virtual Garden Show and Auction! Wow! I’m so looking forward to the spectacular lineup of speakers they have planned! Make sure you check out the update from them to get signed up for the webinars.

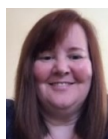
Then there’s the Auction . . . double wow! The generosity of our members and the community to support us has just been awesome! Make sure you check them out as I’m sure you’ll find something to suit your fancy as my mom would say! Speaking of Moms . . . how about letting the moms in your life pick an item? There’s some great gifts!

I’m really not sure where the year has gone. It seems like yesterday I was installed as President via Zoom. Now we’re two short months away from Cat’s installation. We had such uncertainty as a Board of Directors and membership coming into this year, not sure of what COVID and the future were going to throw at us. I couldn’t be more proud of us as a group. Many organizations around the country took the attitude of “it’s too hard” or “we’ll just step back and wait till COVID is over,” but not us! We powered forward and found ways to stick to our mission. Sure, we weren’t able to do things as we always had, but we looked “Outside the Box” and found other ways to accomplish our goals. The tenacity, drive, enthusiasm and love of Soroptimist by our members is apparent in all that we do. I thank you all for your continued support during these trying times as we work together.

As we begin to get back to some semblance of “normal,” it’s going to be extra important that we hit the ground running as a group behind Cat to continue to strive to reach our goals. Committee signups are going to be coming out soon. Won’t you please make an extra effort to sign up for a couple of committees? As Amanda Beitzel says “we’re a service organization, not a social organization.” (I really do need to start paying her every time I quote her . . . lol.) It’s true though. By the way, how awesome is it that Amanda is Grand Marshall of the Irrigation Festival this year?!? Way to go Amanda!

I appreciate all the well wishes I got after missing the business meeting last month. As you all know, I try everything possible to avoid that. Sinus surgery was a success and then my property tried to kill me afterwards. Unfortunately, I didn’t think about the fact that allergies and sinus surgery with stints don’t mix, so I had to leave our property for recovery. Doing much better now and happy to be past it. Thank you again for all of the love!

Wishing you all successful auction bids (unless you’re bidding against me!) and hope you learn a lot from our Master Gardener friends during the webinars!



Happy May!
Kris
Outside the Box



Letter from the Editor

Dear Friends,

May is here. The first of May is sometimes referred to as May Day. Some of us have memories of May Day maypoles. A maypole is a painted pole, decorated with flowers. Children traditionally dance around it on May Day, holding long ribbons that are attached to the top of the pole. Lots of smiles and joy are seen.

Another May Day memory is leaving baskets—sometimes homemade—on the porches of neighbors, ringing the doorbells and running to hide behind a tree or bush. Seeing the surprise and joy on the recipient's face gave us joy also. Some of our Soroptimist members have done a bit of this porch-surprise giving during the pandemic—spreading joy year-round.

Speaking of joy . . . my dog sometimes shows joy by running around like a crazy dog—some people call it the zoomies. Blue can run fast in one direction, then stop on a dime, turn around, change direction and continue running—and then do it all over again. Watching him makes us smile. Oh, to have that energy to do the zoomies!

In a way we might be called Zoomies, as most of us have participated in Zoom meetings. Though we don't necessarily need to have the same energy that Blue exhibits, we have had opportunities to experience joy. It might be by listening to the Girls of the Month or our scholarship or award recipients. The joy might also come through the presentation of one of our speakers at a program meeting.

One example is our April program meeting speaker, Karen Tyson. She is the Executive Director of First Teacher, Parenting Matters Foundation. This is one of the organizations we support through our committed funds. First Teacher recognizes that parents are a child's first teacher, and it concentrates on supporting parents and families—educating both the parent and the child. First Teacher has bins for parents to take home; inside are building blocks for learning math and science. During the pandemic picking these up hasn't been an option, so Karen has gone to where the parents are—to the parks. Her dedication to education is something to behold.

One of the many things that struck me about Karen was when she told us she and her husband has adopted a son. At the time, the young boy was behind other children his age. Karen read to him every day, as often as possible. After she enrolled him in kindergarten, the teacher told Karen that her son was reading at a first-grade level. Karen said she wasn't even aware he could read. What a first-hand example of the impact of reading to a child! Hearing the words spoken makes a difference—even, or perhaps especially—at a young age. Karen working at First Teacher was such a perfect match. It's easy to see why Karen is such a strong proponent of reading.

Listening to Karen's story made me smile and I felt a bit of the joy she feels when she assists a parent and child learn and build a strong bond. She inspired me, and I'm sure she inspired many of you.

Karen meeting the parents where they are reminds me of our club meeting our members where they are. If we did a May poll, we'd see members still have energy to do virtually all that needs to be done. As Zoomies working together focused on our mission, we continue to experience joy while thinking Outside the Box.



Light and Love,
Kathy Purcell, Editor



"I saw as a teacher how, if you take that spark of learning that those children have, and you ignite it, you can take a child from any background to a lifetime of creativity and accomplishment."

~Paul Wellstone

CALENDAR

May

- 7 Board Meeting
- 11 Business Meeting
- 25 Program Meeting

June

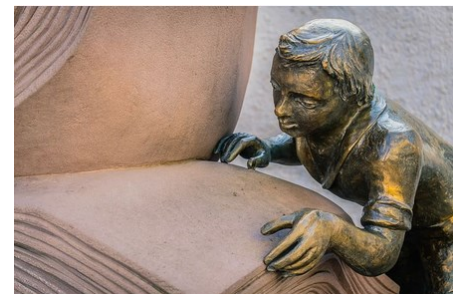
- 4 Board Meeting
- 8 Business Meeting
- *25 Installation

**All Meetings are via
Zoom**



"The important thing is not so much that every child should be taught, as that every child should be given the wish to learn."

~John Lubbock



"When I approach a child, he inspires in me two sentiments—tenderness for what he is and respect for what he may become."

~Louis Pasteur

Celebrate Life!

MAY

Marti Campbell
Judy Field
Pauline Geraci
Shirley Huntley
Linda Klinefelter
Cynthia Martin
Jeanne Martin

JUNE

Elaine Churchill
Jess McNeil
Caroline Smith



Note the phone number for our
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET



“Be happy with what you have
while working for what you want.”
~*Helen Keller*

Five Days of Fun



Save the Date



Garden Show Online Auction May 12 - 16, 2021

Preview and Registration began May 7, 2021



Making a difference for Women, Girls
and the Community

charityauction.bid/gardenshow



SOROPTIMIST *Virtual Garden Show*

presents

A 2021 Webinar Series

VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW

Looking forward to a great series of webinars at our
Virtual Garden Show which started May 8th. Register at
<https://sequimgardenshow.com/webinar-registration/>.

ONLINE GARDEN SHOW AUCTION

We need a huge turnout of bidders for our
May 12-16 Online Garden Show Auction.
Previews and registration began May 7th and
bidding starts May 12th at charityauction.bid/gardenshow.



Be sure to tell all your friends about these two activities.

SOROPTIMIST MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER



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SIA CONVENTION
Virtual!
October 1-2, 2021

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS GIRL OF THE MONTH

JAYLA JULMISTS—MARCH



Soroptimist International of Sequim is pleased to honor **Jayla Julmist** as our March 2021 Girl of the Month. Jayla volunteers in several activities but devotes most of her time to Sequim Youth Basketball. She is recognized as a member of honor roll and is a recipient of several sport awards. Jayla has been accepted to The Master's University in Santa Clarita, CA and will be majoring in biology.

“An empowered organization is one which individuals have the knowledge, skill, desire, and opportunity to personally succeed in a way that leads to collective organizational success.” ~Stephan R. Covey

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE



As a member of Soroptimist, you are part of a global effort.

Women are economically empowered when they have control over their own finances and well-being, and when they have a voice in the financial decisions to shape their lives and the lives of their families.

When women and girls are empowered, they have a sense of autonomy, self-confidence, and the power to control their private and public lives. We focus on access to education because we believe it's the most effective way toward empowerment.

- ⇒ **When women learn**—families live healthier.
- ⇒ **When girls go to school**—they are more likely to get paying jobs and their financial contributions to their families—and their nations—increase.
- ⇒ **When girls have educated moms**—they are more likely to be enrolled in school and to reach higher levels of education.
- ⇒ **When women are educated**—their countries are more likely to have greater economic growth.

People like YOU are helping women and girls around the world achieve their goals.



~Elaine Bradford, Membership Committee



“The bond that links your true family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's life.” ~Richard Bach

BEING A MEMBER OF PATHWAYS IS A PICNIC

The Pathways Committee is organizing a picnic for the new members. We will be getting together at Carrie Blake Park, bringing lawn chairs or sitting at a picnic table, and have an open discussion about our club. New members will be contacted with date and time. We look forward to visiting with all the 2020-21 new members.



~Elaine Churchill and Amanda Beitzel, Pathways Co-Chairs

“You bring your own weather to the picnic.” ~Harlan Coben

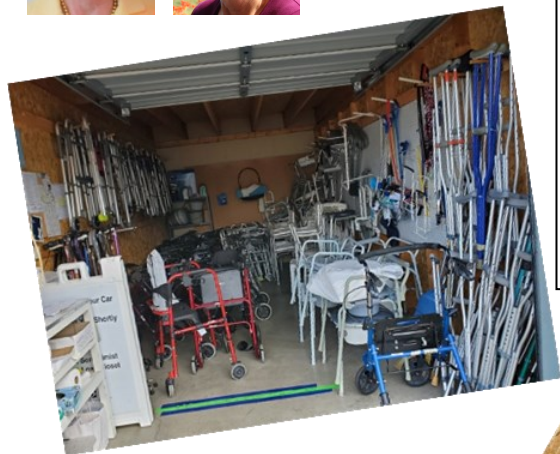
MEDICAL LOAN CLOSET

We worked through most of the backlog of equipment returns in March and April. The contact-less process has been working well. As you can see from the pictures, our three storage units are ‘bursting at the seams.’ We are in the process of obtaining an insurance policy with the goal of opening the closet for loans and returns. We will follow all Clallam County COVID-19 guidelines and obtain approval to operate from SIA once we have our own insurance policy.

We received **68** pieces of equipment and **105** calls in April. The generous Sequim community donated **\$520**.

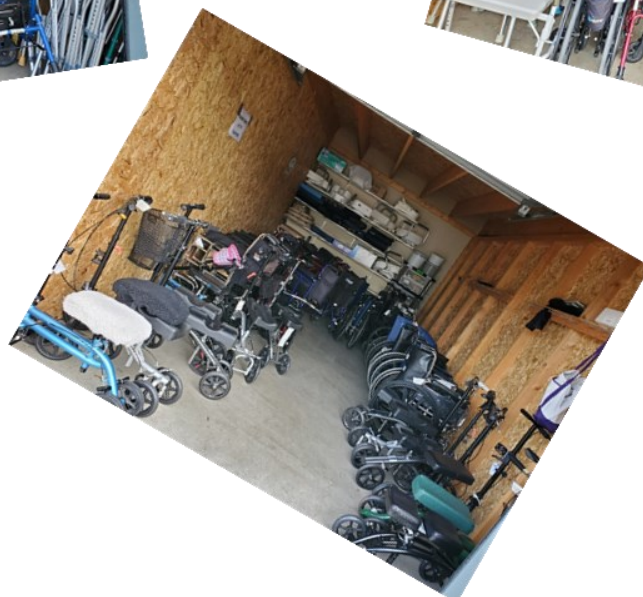


~Becky Archer and Chris Snow, MLC Co-Chairs



MLC Storage Units
31, 32 and 35.

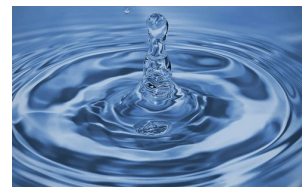
Unit 46 remains our
Contactless
Equipment Return
Unit.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Here it is May and we have just about come to the end of another business year for Soroptimist. It has been a challenging year to say the least, but one that has allowed us to expand our capabilities through technology and education.

Education is an important part of what we do—not only for the support and education opportunities we provide women and girls, but the support and education we give to our community. An important aspect of our organization is to provide education and information on the perils of human trafficking. It is one of the important facets for our organization on a national and international level. I hope the information which I have imparted with you over the past year, will enable you to educate others and will encourage you to at least make one donation a year to an organization that fights human trafficking. Remember what you do, even as little as it may seem to you, is like a stone dropped in the water. It creates a wave on the surface, but it ripples out and continues to have a far-reaching impact! We can make change; we can protect and make life better for others.



A few organizations who fight human trafficking and could use your support -

Polaris – www.polarisproject.org

Global Alliance Against Trafficking In Women – www.gaatw.org

Stop The Traffick – www.stopthetraffick.org

The Urban Justice Center's Sex Workers Project – www.urbanjustice.org

FAIR Girls – www.fairgirls.org

Freedom Network USA – www.freedomnetworkusa.org

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.” ~**Nelson Mandela**



~Linda Klinefelter, Human Trafficking Awareness Chair



CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SOROPTIMIST

This year marks 100 years of Soroptimist International. There will be an International celebration or two, but one **you will** especially **want to attend** in October. The planning is underway with a well-known theatrical company preparing the presentation. Highlighted will be all the great things our clubs have done during these 100 years, our Bright Past. It will be a fun, exciting, and meaningful webinar available in **five** different languages. Some exciting updates and news regarding our Brilliant Future will be shared. You won't want to miss this event offered October 1-3, 2021.



Registration does cost \$40. However, the money and donations will be well-used to create and present what Soroptimist is and has been all about for 100 years. Earlybird registration is open until June 14, 2021. I hope you will all consider registering at the link I am providing here. It will also be available at our Members Only section of our SISequim webpage. <https://www.soroptimistinternational.org/members-area/100th-si-birthday-the-big-event/>

If you have any questions or want to attend but finding that extra money to register is a challenge, contact Sandy Lawrence.



~Sandy Lawrence





May 2021

The 2020-21 Finance Committee was truly *in sync* with Kris’ **Outside the Box** theme as we discussed and prepared a **DRAFT** budget proposal for 2021-22. Our focus was to *better connect* with community organizations, confirming that their missions aligned with that of SIS, and that funds would be earmarked for specific projects/outreach opportunities. Each member of the Finance Committee took on the additional role of liaison, bridging the gap between SIS and funded agencies. Liaisons will continue to be in contact with agency representatives as they develop closer and ongoing relationships with our community partners.

Following are a few highlights that resulted from the April 20th Zoom meeting attended by 11 members:

As we are a non-profit organization, we **PROPOSED** to *spend down* a portion of our funds—and provide additional funding to our community, especially in these uncertain economic times.

The following **PROPOSED** Awards and Committed Funds were increased; **ALL MEMBERS** will have an opportunity for input and approval at the May 11th meeting.

LIVE YOUR DREAM (LYD)

2 LYD Awards - each to be a 2-year award, \$2,000 each year.

2021-22: \$4,000.00 (2 first-year recipients)

2022-23: \$8,000.00 (2 second-year recipients; 2 first-year recipients)

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2021-22: 2 awards, \$2,000.00 each year

COMMITTED FUNDS

Increase all Committed Funds Awards as detailed:

2021-22 Committed Fund Recipients	2021-22 Award	2021-22 PROJECT
CASA	\$1,000.00	Personal, education, technology, mental health needs for female students.
DUNGENESS VALLEY HEALTH CLINIC	\$1,000.00	Chronic care (74% women), basic urgent (92% women)
FIRST STEP	\$1,500.00	Female empowerment - books
FIRST TEACHER (PARENTING MATTERS)	\$1,000.00	Textbooks for children
FOOD BANK (Dignity for Women)	\$1,000.00	Designated funds for feminine hygiene products
HEALTHY FAMILIES	\$1,500.00	Programs to empower children, adults and families to achieve their full potential
HEALTHY FAMILIES		
Financial Empowerment	\$1,000.00	(New for 2021-22) Financial Empowerment program, 8 women per class
KATHLEEN SUTTON FUND	\$1,000.00	Take A Way Program - promote transportation options for women in treatment
MUJERES de MAIZ	\$1,500.00	Scholarship program for gender equality; all recipients are women.
PENINSULA BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	\$1,000.00	Fund 1 or 2 Families - Economic Empowerment
SEQUIM COMMUNITY AID	\$1,000.00	Housing assistance for families in the form of utilities.
SEQUIM EDUCATION FOUNDATION	\$1,000.00	Teaching grants (can be selected) for Sequim Schools
WOMEN for WOMEN INTERNATIONAL	\$840.00	Sponsor year-long training programs for two women survivors of war
SIA CLUB GIVING	\$1,500.00	
SIA PRESIDENT’S APPEAL	\$200.00	
	\$16,040.00	

A HUGE thank you to the members of the Finance Committee and those who participated in the Zoom call!! Meetings were sometimes long...but always productive and positive! And special thanks to membership for trusting us with this critical—and sometimes daunting—role!



~Missy Church-Smith, SIS Finance Committee Chair



“Plans make dreams reality.” ~Susan Pace-Koch

GETTING WITH THE PROGRAM

The vision behind Soroptimist is that women and girls will have the resources and opportunities to reach their full potential and live their dream. We are a global volunteer organization that provides women and girls with the access to the education and training they need to achieve economic empowerment.

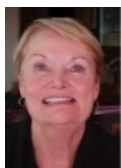


Achieving our vision and mission takes work, but it can also be fun. A lot of the enjoyment in being a Soroptimist is getting to know the other women in the group better. With only two meetings a month, even when we are meeting in person, it can be hard to do more than chat briefly.

Volunteering is part of being a Soroptimist. You must join committees. Committees meet and work on things together. On a committee, you find the strengths of the other members and get to know them on a more personal level. This happens even when meetings are on Zoom. You talk, you discuss, you laugh, and you get things done.

Since we can't pass around committee sign-up sheets at meetings this year, I'm going to send you a personal email to find out which committees you want to belong to. Of course, if we have an in-person Gift or Garden Show, plan on being part of those.

Hoping for a chance to see everyone in person soon!



~Cat Xander, Programs Chair



*“Volunteers don't just do the work—
they make it work.” ~Carol Pettit*

PUBLIC AWARENESS

This past year the position of chair for Public Awareness Committee has been empty. So, I have filled in from time-to-time to write an article or to make reports. I am going to take this one last opportunity as the fill-in for this position and speak to the efforts of our organization and how it relates to public awareness.

There are several definitions for public awareness. The dictionary definition indicates it is to make you aware of something. A marketing campaign definition says public awareness is to build public recognition of a project or problem. Even Wikipedia indicates it may refer to public or common knowledge about a social, scientific, or political issue. In our own organization, the purpose of public awareness is to increase awareness to improve the lives of women and girls.

You might ask where this is going . . . I want to put acknowledgement and AWARENESS on some of our members—in fact twenty-four plus members. The past several months these women have worked diligently to replace our traditional garden show with something that is professional, informative, and fun. Covid changed how we did things before—but believe me, that did not daunt our membership. Hours of work—including Zoom meetings, Zoom sub-meetings, phone calls, emails and texts have produced two marvelous events.

Even with the mandates placed on us by our national organization, we have managed to organize and execute something very professional. In it, we have been a successful example of bringing public awareness to our community of what we do, why we do it—and we are doing it through a virtual garden show and auction. So, on that note, I want to say “thank you” to all who put in multiple hours, talents, and expertise to bring the virtual garden show and online auction to fruition. These phenomenal efforts have provided a window to our work and have produced an excellent example of public awareness.



~Linda Klinefelter, Proxy Public Awareness Chair



“If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself.” ~Henry Ford

2021 VIRTUAL GARDEN SHOW IS UNDERWAY!

The VGS team continues to work on the Virtual Garden Show which runs May 1 through May 23. Below are some highlights.

Our first of five webinars took place on May 8. A. Williams, M. Nesbitt, and J. Stehr-Green shared excellent advice about Veggies and Berries along with a Questions and Answers session. Cat Xander, Linda Rotmark and Paulette did a fabulous job hosting the webinar. A list of the webinars and registration links can be found on page 10.

The Vendors Committee has 18 paid vendors. Vendors chose their level of participation and received promotion on Facebook or promotion during our webinars.

The total cash sponsorship to-date is \$9,602.00! Several of the Sponsors responded favorably after receiving a digital Sponsor badge.

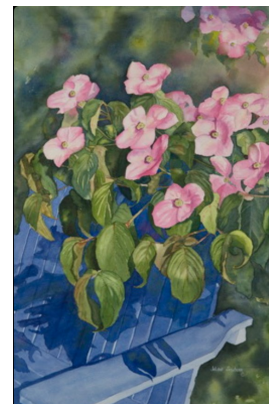
The Coloring Contest had 18 entries. The prizes will be picked up at Dungeness Kids. Karen Tyson said the kids whose entries were not chosen for first, second or third place will still get books. As of the VGS meeting there were 58 engagements on the FB post. A video with all the entries can be viewed: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PCxJHEmtLYw&t=12s> . Over half of the participants got their entry forms from our Facebook post!

The featured artwork—Come Sit With Me—is on display at the Blue Whole Gallery in Sequim through May 16 [the end of the Online Auction].

The Garden Show website is updated when there is a new component, or information changes to the VGS or Online Auction:
www.sequimgardenshow.com.

The Facebook Committee has been busy scheduling posts of sponsors, vendors, committed funds organizations which include wonderful videos designed by Elaine Bradford.

Linda Klinefelter's work with the newspaper yielded ads promoting the Virtual Garden Show as well as the online auction.



Although the Online Auction has its own committee, they are tied to the VGS Committee. Many vendors have donated items to the auction and the auction will take place during the VGS. We are grateful to the Auction Committee for all their work and collaboration.

THANK YOU to a tremendous Virtual Garden Show Committee for your creativity and energy!



Kathy Purcell and Janet Popelka
2021 Virtual Garden Show Co-Chairs

“A garden is a grand teacher. It teaches patience and careful watchfulness; it teaches industry and thrift; above all it teaches entire trust.” ~*Gertrude Jekyll*

VGS WEBINAR REGISTRATIONS

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.
Registration Fee: **\$5 each**.

Descriptions of the topics can be found by clicking [here](#).

Meet the Speakers by clicking [here](#).

May 8, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration Fee: **\$5**

EXPERT PANEL

Presented by Clallam County Master Gardeners: **A. Williams, M. Nesbitt, and J. Stehr-Green**

Topic: **Veggies and Berries Questions and Answers**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OGknN69jSxObcdDF-egVoQ

May 15, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration Fee: **\$5**

Keynote Speaker: **Christina Pfeiffer**; click [here](#) to read about her.

Topic: **Month-by-Month Gardening in the Pacific Northwest**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9yfu6FRxT8qL3cOqGnIpRg

May 16, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration Fee: **\$5**

Presented by Clallam County Master Gardener **K. Dekker**

Topic: **Pruning Tips for the Home Landscape**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_ZrTMp-EkSVGu3LgSO8novQ

May 22, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration Fee: **\$5**

EXPERT PANEL

Presented by Clallam County Master Gardeners: **A. Williams and J. Stehr-Green**

Topic: **Let's Talk Tomatoes**

Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xPmZbCr9QhyCPkjs7ijlgQ

May 23, 2021 01:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Registration Fee: **\$5**

EXPERT PANEL


























Presented by Clallam County Master Gardeners: **M. Nesbitt, J. Stehr-Green, and K. Dekker**

Topic: **Gardening Questions and Answers**








Register in advance for this webinar:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_J1-UiLUmTNqAScSO-YUrKQ

May 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Marti Campbell Judy Field Pauline Geraci Shirley Hurttley Linda Klhnefelter Cynthia Martin Jeanne Martin				MG Speakers Muriel Nesbitt, Jeanette Stehr-Green, Audreen Williams, Keith Dekker		1 Virtual Garden Show begins 
2 VGS 	3 VGS 	4 VGS 	5 VGS 	6 VGS 	7 BOARD MEETING VGS Preview + Registration for Online Auction begins	8 MG Panel on Veggies and Berries Questions & Answers (Muriel, Jeanette, Audreen)
9 VGS Auction Registration 	10 VGS Auction Registration 	11 Business Meeting VGS Auction Registration 	12 VGS Online Auction Begins 	13 VGS Online Auction 	14 VGS Online Auction 	15 Guest Speaker, Christina Pfeiffer, "Month-by-Month Gardening in the Pacific Northwest" Online Auction
16 Keith Dekker, Pruning Tips for the Home Landscape Online Auction Ends 	17 VGS 	18 VGS 	19 VGS 	20 VGS 	21 VGS 	22 Let's Talk Tomatoes Jeanette and Audreen
23 VGS Ends MG Panel on Gardening Q & A (Muriel, Jeanette, Keith)	24	25 Program Meeting	26 National Paper Airplane Day 	27	28 National Hamburger Day 	29 National Paperclip Day 
30 National Creativity Day 	31 National Smile Day 					

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH Elaine Churchill Jess McNeil Caroline Smith</p>		<p>1</p>	<p>2 National Running Day</p> 	<p>3 National Repeat Day National Repeat Day</p>	<p>4 BOARD MEETING</p>	<p>5 National Trails Day</p> 
<p>6 National Yo-Yo Day</p> 	<p>7</p>	<p>8 Business Meeting</p>	<p>9 National Donald Duck Day</p> 	<p>10 National Iced Tea Day</p> 	<p>11 National Corn on the Cob Day</p> 	<p>12 National Red Rose Day</p> 
<p>13 National Weed Your Garden Day</p> 	<p>14 National Flag Day</p> 	<p>15 National Smile Power Day</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 National Mascot Day</p> 	<p>18 National Flip Flop Day</p> 	<p>19 National Watch Day</p> 
<p>20 Father's Day</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22 National Chocolate Eclair Day</p> 	<p>23 National Pink Day</p> 	<p>24 National Pralines Day</p> 	<p>25 Installation</p>	<p>26 National Coconut Day</p> 
<p>27</p>	<p>28 National Logistics Day</p> 	<p>29 National Camera Day</p>	<p>30 Social Media Day</p> 			

Each Moment Is Precious by Patricia A. Fleming

Live in the moment,
Just take it all in.
Pay attention to everything,
Right there and right then.

Don't let your mind wander
To what's coming next.
Cherish this moment
And give it your best.

Don't let tomorrow
Make you rush through today,
Or too many great moments
Will just go to waste.

And the person you're with,
In that moment you share,
Give them all of your focus;
Be totally there.

Laugh till it hurts,
Let the tears drop.
Fill up each moment
With all that you've got.

Don't miss the details;
The lesson is there.
Don't get complacent;
Stay sharp and aware.

It can take but a moment
To change your life's path.
And once it ticks by,
There is no going back.

In just 60 seconds,
You may make a new friend.
Find your true love,
Or see a life start or end.

You become who you are
In those moments you live.
And the growth's not in taking
But in how much you give.

Life is just moments,
So precious and few.
Whether valued or squandered,
It's all up to you!



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