



## **Hardy Plant Society of Washington**

**Purpose:** Board Meeting

**Date:** November 09, 2009

**Location:** Grace's House

**Participants:** Barry Latter, Kandy Kroll, Pam Perrott, Grace Hensley, Suzanne Ferris, Beda Herbison, Anne Potter, Bob Lilly, Stefani Cushing

1. Agenda: Garden Rescue, Plant Sale, Flower and Garden Show, Programs, Seed Exchange, Holiday Party
2. Garden Rescue:
  - We have had 3 weekend visits to Marian Raitz' house with one more to come. There were 25 people the first week, 10 the following week, 19 the third week. We made two trips to Cedar Grove for 50-cubic foot pallets of potting soil, which we amended with grit and osmocote (during the potting-up). We generated at least 1100 pots (that's only half the list) and took 8 truck-loads of plants to Kathy Norsworthy's for winter storage.
  - We expect to have an article written to profile "Marian Raitz: A Profile of her Garden", which we hope to publish in the Seattle Times, NW Garden News, and on our own website. We will have a paragraph or sidebar about our group, with information about the upcoming plant sale (Perhaps Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup>??) to be included in the article. We need to determine what to do with the remaining unsold plants, and expect to sell them at the Arboretum Foundation's Florabundance Sale in the Spring on Saturday, April 24-Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.
3. Plant Sale:
  - We need to elect a plant sale chair at the membership meeting. This person shall be responsible for coordinating the effort of doing the plant sale including volunteer coordination, plant quality control, plant labeling, plant price-tagging, plant transportation to and from sale site, advertising in Times, NWGarden News, Plant Sales List at Elizabeth Miller Library ([http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/calendar/tours\\_sales.php](http://depts.washington.edu/hortlib/calendar/tours_sales.php)), and contacting Marty Wingate or Willi Galloway at Greendays gardening panel on KUOW, sale setup/tear-down, cashiers and revenue to treasurer, thank yous to volunteers

and site host. It was decided that the plant sale shall be cash or check only. We will not invest in a credit-card machine at this time.

#### 4. NW Flower and Garden Show

- Barry presented a prototype of what he has completed so far. It will be an 8ft backdrop with 4ft wings. The bottom half of the backdrop will be paneled. The backdrop will have sections (size to be determined) into which will fit the GreenGrid boards for sedums. There will be sections left open for things like MasonBee homes, compost-socks, matted photos, or other ideas (Stefani suggested "Plant Geeks Anonymous" which would look cool painted in calligraphy on one of the boards). A flexible banner with our name shall be attached to the top of the display on a copper framework. This banner can be used at Plant Sales in the future. The wings shall have slightly angled shelves onto which 4" pots will fit. We need to determine the plant material and planting schemes for the wings and backdrop. A podium shall be constructed in the center to hide a stool and additional brochures. A pot was displayed in the mock-up drawing which also can be planted.
- Suzanne Ferris was appointed chair of the Flower and Garden Show so she will make the final decisions. All of us will assist her in completing the tasks such as finalizing the design, plant acquisition, delivery and installation of the booth, and printed materials. Kandy Kroll and Anne Potter will coordinate volunteers and sign up new members at the show (giving out seed packets to those who sign up on the spot). Grace Hensley and Suzanne will coordinate the Printed materials which will include the upcoming year's program, new membership forms, plant sale and seed lists, and sign.

#### 5. Programs :

- Please send ideas to Beda Herbison. She will also poll our group to get speaker and topic ideas and coordinate a programs list for the upcoming year. We intend not to pay anyone a speaking fee in 2010. It was decided that field trips and workshops would be in addition to speaking engagements, not instead of.

#### 6. Seed Exchange:

- We have received only one or two online orders, so I have updated the website with the newest seed list and pricing information (\$1/packet + \$3/shipping). We will submit the choicest items to the search engines so that we can be found.

We expect to sell additional seeds at the Florabundance sale in April. We also sell seeds at the plant sale and our meetings.

- We need to create 'juicy copy' for ten or so interesting items on our seed list to generate interest. We should also come up with germination tips, to encourage people to start their own seeds. Suzanne wants to send Iris seeds to a colleague in Vanuatu; it would be interesting to get a comparative report.

7. Holiday Party:

- Shall be on either Sunday December 20<sup>th</sup>, or Monday December 21<sup>st</sup>
- Site to be determined, possibly member Lynne Harrison's house.
- The party shall be a White Elephant Gift Exchange and a Potluck Party.

8. New Business:

- Member Ruth Chaus suggested having an open garden tour, perhaps in the spring, summer and fall. This was enthusiastically accepted, with the provision that the gardens on any given day be located close to each other to save gas and time. No maps or directions are necessary, just an address (we're all capable of looking on our own maps; no need to over-complicate things.)

9. Next Board Meeting

- The next board meeting shall be in December in order to check the progress of the Flower and Garden Show.