

Fuchsia Flash

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# President's Message~

How Does Your Garden Grow??

It's the last week in July, and the fuchsias in your garden should be looking pretty good – as mine do, where the DD (d\_\_n deer) haven't taken the tops off. I have been trying a new systemic product that makes plants taste like hot peppers from Repellex.com. It comes in tablet form, and is put in the ground to be absorbed. I have this visual image of the DD taking a nibble and then spitting it out. Unfortunately, they seem to nibble each plant before deciding it doesn't taste good.

It is time to be taking some pictures for the photo contest! On the other hand, don't bother, as I have the best picture ever to submit, so there will be no real contest. But, there is always second place, so go ahead and take your pictures and send them in to Ann Tanner, 18915 Cascade Ridge Court, Mount Vernon, WA 98274. The pictures must be received by September 17, 2011. The rules are included in this Flash. See the website for the information.

The Lakewold show over the weekend of September 9-11 will be a first for the NW Fuchsia Society. Lakewold is a lovely old garden and home in the south end of Tacoma, and well-known as a wonderful setting for a great party, wedding, etc. I hope every club will bring plants to demonstrate what assets fuchsias are to the late summer garden. Lakewold does spring really well, but not so much late summer and fall. The setting is lovely, our plants should be in full bloom, and we hope we will have a classic sunny fall weekend in Washington.

Yesterday, it was 85 on my deck. Today it rained a whole lot. The weather may or may not be to your specific preference on any given day, but trust me – you don't want to live anywhere else!

Happy summer ~

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# ~2011 Fuchsia Sales and Events~

July 30, 31	Greater Seattle Show, Ballard Locks, Seattle, Sat.10-5. Sun. 10-4

- Aug.13-14 Sno-King Sale & Judged Show Country Village, 23720 Bothell Everett Hwy. Bothell Hours Sat. 2-6, Sun. 12-5
- Aug. 13 Olympia Show and Sale Huntamer Park, Lacey 9-4
- Aug.20, 21 Eastside Show and Sale, Bellevue Botanical Garden 12001 Main St., Bellevue 10-4 daily
- Sept. 9-11 Lakewold Garden non judged show all clubs, 12317 Gravelly Lake Drive SW. Lakewood, 10-4 daily
- Oct. 3 BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration
- Oct. 22 Annual Meeting at Norpoint Center, Tacoma, WA 11am to 3pm

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

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# ~Fuchsias Through the Years~

The time is getting closer to the Lakewold fuchsia display show September 9-11 and this will be the last article for the Flash. I am so happy that 12 NW societies will have a display. I hope your plants are doing fine with all this cold weather. Lakewold will have some fuchsias in their garden as I have donated two large plants, white night pearl and white night amethyst.

I want to clear up a few things that people have questioned  $\!\!\!\!\sim$ 

- Set up will be Thursday 10am to 7pm and Friday 8:30 to 10am (we're hoping the societies close by will set up on Thursday)..
- Breakdown will be Sunday 4 to 6pm and Monday 10am to 4pm
- All participating clubs will set-up their own designated display area
- By August 15th we need to know what display items you need for your fuchsias (hanging basket, wall box, on a table of sorts or on the ground)
- Each plant should be clearly labeled with plant name and hardiness and with a 3x5 card. It would be good if it is laminated should it rain.
- Lakewold will do all the signage.
- Shift workers and those displaying plants will get into the garden with a free pass.
- Advance tickets need to be purchased by August 1<sup>st</sup>. Forms are available at <u>lakewoldgardens.org</u>, click on "Calendar", then "Events"

We need people to help us put on this exhibition and are looking for lots of volunteers to lighten the load for all. Each display will need at least two workers per shift. There are two shifts per day: 9:30 to 1:00 and 1:00 to 4:00. There will be a blossom display and tables with information on all of the societies plus Salli Dahl, Kevin Jones, and Will Gibb be hosting seminars at 1pm daily. Help is needed in these areas as well.

Have you been handing out the flyer's to earn money for your society? You will get \$1.00 for each ticket sold with your club indicated as the recipient. Let me know if you need flyers, I can email the copy to you and, you, in turn, can send the flyer to friends and family. Please note that advance tickets must be purchased prior to August 1<sup>st</sup>.

People have asked me how you get there. The address is 12317 Gravelly Lake Dr. SW, Lakewood, WA. From I-5 you will exit at exit 124 and go West on Gravelly Lake and stay in the left lane for about a mile. Lakewold Garden will be right side. It is a lovely place overlooking the lake. It was an estate that plants were brought in from all over the world and before the owner died she formed a foundation. It will be a lovely day out.

Any more questions let us know and we will try and answer them. We appreciate your support.

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Donna Fellows sent cards to~

- Walt North of Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society who is accumulating "frequent hospital stayer" points this year. His gall bladder was the culprit initiating his latest extended visit.
- Olympia member, Gloria Kuhnke was under the weather and fellow member Jim Johnson was in a nursing home battling ongoing health problems.

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We send them our best wishes and hope they are back with us soon.

If you know of someone that needs to be remembered, please contact Donna Fellows, 610-5<sup>th</sup> Street, Steilacoom, WA 98388-1802; 253-588-4541 or <u>sewfuchsia@gmail.com</u>.

# ~An Invitation to Show~

The North Cascades Fuchsia Society would like to extend an invitation to enter a plant in our judged show. These are the requirements:

- You must be an active member of a Northwest Fuchsia Society club.
- The show will be held on Saturday, Sept 24th from 9am to 3pm at Jordan Nursery, 30407 68<sup>th</sup> Ave NW, Stanwood
- > You will be eligible for ribbon awards only.
- You may bring your plant(s) after 6:30pm on Friday, or by 8:30am on Saturday.
- > There is no cost to you.

**Contact Shirley Rock at 360-652-8908 or via e-mail** <u>rockfuchsianut@gotsky.com</u> for further information, a show schedule and registration forms.

# ~B.C. Fuchsia and Begonia Society~

We cordially invite you to our 50<sup>th</sup> 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



by Salli Dahl dahlhaus@q.com

# THEY'RE BACK!

Crazy, crazy weather that puts us at least a month behind on EVERYTHING. However, I'm sure that you have noticed that there are plants that thumb their noses (er, wave their growing tips) at the cold. They are called WEEDS. Mine are in excellent condition, and here in mid-July I'm STILL trying to convince them to go elsewhere by any and all means. Buttercups- here's a plant with a nice cheerful name that has evil intent. We are afraid that some night they will try to choke our dog in his den.

In addition to battling weeds, I am still planting fuchsias- some new and some are replacements from the winter before last with its abrupt changes in temperature. Here's what amazes me- mid-July and some are just now peeking up out of the ground when last year they were NOT THERE. They've gone underground, biding their time and strengthening their resolve. Fuchsias really are tough plants that like people to think that they are so difficult to grow.

Enough grumbling. I'm certain that August and September will be wonderful, particularly with three events coming up in addition to all the shows and sales:

# **FUN FOR FALL**

**Lakewold, Gardens**, Sept. 9-11, 10-4. Here's a "Sunday Drive" for you although it doesn't have to be on Sunday. On the internet, photos of the gardens illustrate what a delightful facility we will get to see. I also have a "Garden Lover's Guide to the PNW" by Lakewold, featuring various gardens in the area to visit. At this event the 'decades displays' by our local societies will be of great interest not just to see which fuchsia hybrids were developed in each decade but in the various ways the groups are choosing to showcase their plants. This is an excellent way to substitute an event for a judged show.

**August 28<sup>th</sup>**, a definite Sunday Drive, is a double- **a species and hybridizing meeting with a potluck** thrown in the middle. It will be in Portland at OFS president, Sue Randall's, home/yard. You do not have to be a member of either group to attend, but you do have to let us (Debbie Metzger or myself) know that you are coming so that we have enough chairs, utensils, plates...

11 AM the Western Fuchsia Species Society meets. If you have cuttings, seeds, plants to share, bring them and your questions!

NOON- potluck

~1 PM- Northwest Hybridizers. We will be measuring and describing unregistered new hybrids by Monniers. You will see some interesting new plants and there will be some surprise seeds! You can come for any part or all of the day.

September 17, the Western Fuchsia Species groups meets at Lake Wilderness at noon for a sack lunch- tour the hybrid and species gardens. If you haven't been there, you need to see it! Each year it will improve as plants are added, and of course fall is the best time to see them.

# Around the Sound and Beyond Our Borders~

By Joan Hampton

It's Show Time, Picnic Time, Potluck Time and Garden Tours!

**Eastside Fuchsia Society** – Their Annual Show and Plant Sale is August 20/21 again held in the beautiful Bellevue Botanical Gardens. Jan and Mike Cockbain recently hosted a garden tour at their home and then moved on to their friend's garden. A beautiful day to see beautiful gardens!



~From the garden of ESFS member's Jan & Mike Cockbain~

"The Petrovich's Garden"

**Fuchsia Fanciers** – After meeting at the Panda Express for dinner, the members spend a bit of time in their fuchsia garden there at Borst Park where they have around 100 hardy fuchsias planted! Speaker for their July meeting was Pat Arndt sharing her expertise on mixed plantings.

**Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society** – They held their show at the Locks on July 30/31. After the weather we've had it was wonderful to see so many fuchsias in bloom! At their August meeting they'll award the trophies to the winners of those lovely plants and have their annual Ice Cream Social. They are also promoting the Photo Contest with lessons on how to understand your camera to get those great shots that will be winners!



**Lakebay Fuchsia Society** – The members bring their club plants to each meeting so that everyone can ooh and aah, and Sharon Miller gives helpful tips and pointers to make them even better. And plans are underway for their Fall Garden Tour and Potluck on Sunday August 28<sup>th</sup>. And they are making good progress in their display garden. So many of their members have been out to help.

**North Cascades Fuchsia Society** – Salli Dahl spoke on Fuchsia Species at their July meeting. Coming up is the Stanwood-Camano Island Fair on August 6/7, and their club picnic at Betty and Jack Peary's on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Their Show will be held on September 24<sup>th</sup> during Kevin Jones' Jordan Nursery Open House.

**North Olympic Fuchsia Society** – In early June, they held their first fuchsia sale at the Sequim Open Aire Market. Doyle Yancey of Egg and I Nursery in Chimacum supplied the well-grown starts and baskets for a successful event. To add to the attraction, 'next door' was a very enthusiastic, local marimba band playing for most of the afternoon.

**Olympia Fuchsia Society** – Kevin Jones spoke at their June meeting. Their Show at Huntamer Park on August 13<sup>th</sup> will be a display show in that beautiful garden. They took part in the Tumwater 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, and had their July meeting in June because of the holiday weekend.

**Puget Sound Fuchsia Society** – They recently had a field trip to Cascadia Iris Gardens and then visited Flower World Nursery which is almost next door. Donna Fellows spoke on the upcoming Lakewold Show where Puget Sound will have a display of Alba and its off-spring. And they have a picnic coming up at Madeline Williams' home on August 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society** – Plans are underway for their August 12<sup>th</sup> Judged Show with last minute preparation hints. On August 21<sup>st</sup> they will have their annual barbeque picnic potluck at Margie's (no rain, please!)

**Sno-King Fuchsia Society** – They had their club picnic at the Koval's in Monroe in July, good food as always and included a special raffle. They are all getting ready for their Annual Show and Plant Sale at Country Village in Bothell on August 13/14. Again there will be two shows, Sno-King's Show, and Pilchuck's Show. Lots of beautiful fuchsias to see!

**Crescent City Branch AFS** – They are taking part in the Fair on August 4-7<sup>th</sup>. Their club plant this year is Caroline. And then on August 20<sup>th</sup> is the Garden Tour.

**Western Fuchsia Species Society** – They held a meeting in July at the home of Will Gibbs where they discussed various species and received seeds of F. xcorticate. They also have some species planted in the Lake Wilderness Botanical Garden.

**NW Fuchsia Hybridizers Society** – They will have a meeting at the Species meeting in Portland on August 28<sup>th</sup> at Sue Randall's home since many members are part of both groups. They will be working on some of Monnier's plants for possible registration this year.

**Fuchsia Lore Collectors** – They had their summer potluck in July at Betty and Jack Peary's home and also enjoyed their beautiful garden blooming with so many flowers. Plans were finalized for their 'Egg Display' at the Annual Meeting in August. We think you'll enjoy seeing so many types of Easter and other eggs with fuchsias on them!

# Many of the European fuchsia societies put out their Bulletins on a quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis. Here is what we've received recently.

**Germany's** *DDFGG* (Dahlias, Fuchsias, Gladiolus) supplement has pages of beautiful pictures of dahlias, an article on Achievement and Beacon. Also an interesting article on how to ship fuchsias that look to be in about 3" pots by laying them on their side, with the pots at each side of the box and the foliage laying over each other. Also is an extensive article with pictures of fuchsia rust, and what we commonly call the Hawk Moth. <u>www.fuchsien.ddfgg.de</u>

**British Fuchsia Society's** Annual 2011 edition (73<sup>rd</sup> Edition) is an extensive article on Tom Thumb (Greater Seattle's Project Plant this year) indicating that it is generally accepted that it was introduced in 1850. The Societies of BFS are also getting ready for their shows this summer, and there are reports of what their Societies are currently doing. <u>www.thebfs.org.uk</u>

From **Belgium's** 3d Trimester 2011 Bulletin *Fuchsiaantje* are a picture and line drawing of Medard's Tiebeert, a double pink over white trailing variety, registered with AFS #6412 (2007) and Warton Crag, possibly a single with petaloid type of extra petals, it was registered with AFS #1100 (1963). <u>www.devlaamsefuchsiavrienden.be</u>

From the **Australian Fuchsia Society** is information about which fuchsias like more sunny locations versus those that like shadier locations. Also about the use of Epsom Salts to ease a Magnesium deficiency which shows up as older leaves yellowing from the sides to the center of the leaf; pouring a mixture dissolved in water over the plant to help reverse the deficiency. They, of course, are in the midst of winter right now.

From **Austria's** *Fuchsienpost*, May 2011, are some articles about what to do now in your garden and with your fuchsias along with some photos of hardies in the garden that are big and lush! <u>www.fuchsienfreunde.at</u>

**American Fuchsia Society**, *Bulletin*, July-Sept 2011, is an article on *their* photo contest (different than ours). Theirs also will be judged by a photography club, but also a popular vote at their Annual Meeting on October 8<sup>th</sup>. And Don Helsel writes a good article on The Novice View of Hybridizing Fuchsias. <u>www.americanfuchsiasociety.org</u>

**BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society** had their beautiful show July 23/24, and they had great weather! They are also planning the festivities for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Old photos are being gathered, and a recipe book is in the works. A one time special class in their show was just for those fuchsias with 'gold' or 'golden' in their name! In their newsletter are some tips for nurturing fuchsias through hot weather (if we ever have any!): Check the soil to see if it is moist, and perhaps mist rather than water; keep the plant in the shade; lower baskets to the ground and keep the ground and surrounding foliage misted to create a good atmosphere. www.bcfuchsiasociety.com

The Valley Fuchsia and Geranium Club continues to do their Parlour Show at meetings with points awarded in different categories, and they are getting ready for their Annual Show and competition on August 20<sup>th</sup>. <u>www.icangarden.com</u>

## <u>Arthur Says</u>~

NWFS Fuchsia Flash June 2011

#### By Arthur Phillips

They say that you are always learning when growing fuchsias, well I have certainly learned something. Do not go away and leave your fuchsias for a month during June.

Nancy and I have been over in the Pacific Northwest for a month. Sorry we did not get to see any of you while we were there. We visited Glacier and Yosemite. Anyway we left the fuchsias with an automated watering system that came on each day for twenty minutes. This worked fine with one or two exceptions where the plants got missed. But never mind they are only fuchsias.

The problem was that I had cut back and either potted back or potted up quite a few of the plants that I was intending to use for either showing or displays. This I thought would give me some new growth. What I was not expecting was the amount. The plants in the greenhouse (I know plants should not be in the greenhouse at this time of year) were not too bad. But those in the shade house had just gone absolutely mad. The amount of growth was such that I had to literally hack my way in. It took me over a week of constant work to get everything cut back to manageable proportions, and even then it has taken a lot of ingenious work to get any shape back having not been turned for over a month. The worst though were the standards (trees) and fan that I was intending to grow on the biennial system (keeping them in green growth through this year to flower next summer). Well they are all budded up or worse, in bloom. There is no way now that there will be any vegetative growth from them until they are dried out and cut back, and it is too risky to try drying them out in the temperature we are experiencing now here in the UK. I will now have to leave them to bloom and start work on them again in the fall. I doubt very much if they will be of any use for showing now, so I guess it is a case of start again next spring.

I did however start another fan of "Harry Gray" just before we left and this seems to be still making growth without bloom. We will have to wait and see. Nancy also purchased some plants of "Swingtime" that we are toying with the idea of trying to grow a pyramid with, but we cannot find any books to give us a guide on how to start, so we are going to be doing it by trial and error – probably the latter. We know that James Lye grew some enormous pyramids in his day but it seems his methods were never recorded. Ever since we saw some Pillars when judging the South Devon Fuchsia Show some years back, we have both been very keen to try our hand. Nancy has already had a go with "Black Prince" and it has been standing in the greenhouse for the last year looking quite sorry and forlorn. So just before we left, I pruned it back and re-potted it. This is now looking quite good and has seemed to thrive on being left to its own devices. One consolation is that we are able to enjoy a gorgeous show of bloom, and we still have one or two plants that might make the show bench, Nancy's spiral should be worth an outing if it holds its flower like it seems to be doing at the moment.



Harry Gray



Nancy's Black Prince Column



Swingtime

### Brown Fingers, Green Thumb~ By Sharon Miller

At the last NWFS board meeting our Flash editor said that members have asked for culture articles for fuchsias. Over the next few months I will read some of the old culture articles written for the Flash and update them. I did offer to write a on my experiences with a product I used this past spring when potting on my cuttings.

The product I used was Tagro, a Bio-solid from Tacoma's waste water treatment plant. If you live in Pierce county or Tacoma you will certainly know about the product. They have a very informative web site at <u>www.tagro.com</u>. Their product is one of safest and highest rated in the country. It is rated Class-A- Exceptional quality, by the EPA. It is pathogen free! Whets in it you ask. First what is waste water? It's all the water that goes through a sewer pipe at your home, bath water, kitchen sink and the toilet. In 21 days, Tacoma manages to turn it into a safe product for use in your garden and the clean water is returned to Puget Sound. The Bio-solids are mixed with sand, sawdust bark and other ingredients. It is low in ammonia content and has a high amount of organic nitrogen that releases slowly to last the entire growing season.

What did I use and how did I use it? The Tagro, guys came and spoke to our club and brought some bagged potting soil. They also brought a pickup truck with un-bagged potting soil. After the meeting they bagged it up for members. I used the potting soil as an additive to the potting soil I was using to pot on my cuttings. I used 1/3 of a bag to a 2 cubic foot of commercial potting soil. Why? I felt the Tagro was too heavy a mixture to use by itself. Boy did it grow those cuttings. By plant sale time I was watering them twice a day in the green house. I did run out of the Tagro, and so it wasn't available to the rest of my plants. You could definitely tell the difference. I also discovered that aphids much prefer non Tagro grown plants! I intend to use that product this next year.

It was mentioned at the NWFS board meeting that if you use this product it will take several years before you could be certified as an organic grower. Will I don't intend to eat the fuchsias, so I am not too concerned about that? I did not use it when potting up my tomato plants or the other vegetables I grow from seed. But I am considering it.

There is a whole lot of information at the web site, so check it out. News paper articles including one by Marianne Binnetti.

#### NWFS PHOTO CONTEST 2011

Check your cameras, practice your close-up techniques - it's time for the 2011 NWFS Photo Contest.

There is only one small change in the rules since last year – allowing some flexibility in print size/format to make cropping easier. This contest is open to all members of the Northwest Fuchsia Society. All photographs entered must have been taken personally by the member and not previously submitted to any NWFS Photo Contest. All photos submitted will become the permanent property of NWFS to

be used for display on the website and in other outreach situations.

This is a <u>photo</u> contest. The "most beautiful", "cutest", or "most popular or unusual" variety is not relevant. The judge(s) will be looking for the quality of the photograph including composition, exposure, sharpness, color fidelity, lighting, background, etc.

## <u>Classes</u>

- 1. Double blossom(s), one variety. Foliage and buds may be included.
- 2. Single blossom(s), one variety. Foliage and buds may be included. Semi-doubles will be classified as singles.
- 3. Tryphilla types, encliandras, and species.
- 4. Fuchsia garden depicts fuchsias growing in the ground.
- 5. Miscellaneous. Photos which do not fall into any of the above classes. This would include digitally enhanced photos, fuchsias in containers, fuchsias with hummingbirds, butterflies, etc. Also artistic interpretations or creative arrangements or themes.

#### <u>Rules</u>

- 1. Photos must be entered as prints, with no border. <u>Maximum</u> size of prints will be 4x6 rectangular or 4.5x4.5 square. Any type of camera.
- 2. <u>A limit of 12 photos per exhibitor</u> will be allowed and may be entered among the five classes as you wish. All may be entered in one class or distributed among all the classes <u>but you may not enter more than 3 photos (must be different poses) of the same variety in any one class.</u> (A couple may enter jointly but each such entry will count as one entry for each person, e.g. Joe and Jean enter 5 photos jointly; they may each enter only 7 additional photos as individual exhibitors.)
- 3. The following information must be written on a separate piece of paper taped to the back of each photo entry:
  - a. Class number and variety name "unknown" or "please name" will not be accepted.
  - b. Exhibitor's name, address, and telephone number.
  - c. Type of camera and film used e.g. Digital SLR/Point'n Shoot; 200/400 film SLR/Point'n Shoot.
- 4. Photographs will be judged by a local photographer or photography club, and all photos submitted will be displayed at the 2011 NWFS Annual Meeting.
- 5. Prizes will be awarded for First, Second and Third in each class. There will also be a People's Choice prize, determined by ballots from those attending the Annual Meeting.
- All photos must be mailed to Ann Tanner, 18915 Cascade Ridge Court, Mount Vernon, WA 98274-7717 and <u>RECEIVED BY</u> <u>SEPTEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>. 2011.</u>

# Questions?????? - Call Ann Tanner at 360-428-3668

## A FEW GENERAL HINTS FROM THE JUDGES OF THE 2010 CONTEST

- When shooting in bright sunlight try to diffuse the light, perhaps by holding something (a sheet, piece of cardboard or paper) between the subject and the sun.
- Be aware of your backgrounds and eliminate distracting elements by changing position, putting something behind the blossom, or changing the composition. 'Busy' backgrounds are very distracting. Blurry light spots from whatever source are another unwelcome distraction.
- > Don't forget your camera has horizontal <u>and</u> vertical formats. Use them as appropriate.
- Cropping is important in eliminating unwanted elements hi your photograph. Every sepal/stamen/bud/leaf need not be complete but every such element which is cropped off should give the impression that it was intentional, not that there was just not enough room in the picture.
- Try to identify a focal point/main point of interest in your photo and make sure that it occupies the central part of your photo. It need not be dead center but should definitely draw the viewer's eye immediately.

# NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY BOARD MEETING July 21, 2011

President Virginia Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:30. She welcomed 27 members and three guests. Florence Bond is working with Donna Fellows on the Lakewold Garden Show.

Doug McDonald was here with his wife Gloria McDonald. We also welcomed back Ken Crocker after a long absence. Vice President Kevin Jones visited Olympia Fuchsia Society and plans on visiting others as his nursery is closed now and he will have more time. It was moved the minutes be accepted as sent by e-mail, it was seconded and passed. Sunshine Chairman, Donna Fellows sent cards to Gloria Kuhnke, Walt North, and Jim Johnson. Sally William's treasurer's report was handed out there was no discussion. It was moved and seconded it we accept it, it passed.

## **REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES**

FLASH – Claudia Attebery reported all is well.

HISTORIAN – Gwen Jensen has added to our scrapbook and passed it around.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Joan Hampton has cancelled our PO Box and turned in the key. She put in a change of address to her home for all first class mail.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Donna gave a report on the Lakewold Garden Show. She needs a list of the fuchsias each club will have on display right away. Bring 3x5 cards with the name of the fuchsia and have them laminated. You know how unpredictable our weather is. Please carpool as much as possible.

Just a reminder of the Annual Meeting on October 22, 2011

## FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

Will Gibbs and George Lyons were appointed to the nominating committee. They will check with officers to see who would like to be replaced and then will find someone who is willing to take the job. We have lots of shows coming up and also club picnics. Let Kevin Jones know and if he can arrange it he will come for a visit.

# The next meeting will be September 15<sup>th</sup> in Seattle at 7:30. Greater Seattle and Eastside will be bringing the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted, Jackie Lyons, Secretary

#### **IBER SOCIETIES**

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