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President's Message



Hi there everyone, just came in from watering greenhouses and figured I had better get this written up or I'm in trouble.

Fuchsias at this point in the greenhouses are growing well. It seems a little hot in there so I am on the lookout for spider mite at this time of the year. Watering seems to be an every other day job at this point.

Hope everyone is enjoying this time of the year and showing off your fuchsias. I am getting ready in the greenhouses to plan a "repotting campaign" for stock plants and try to manage the inventory list which seems to be a full time job in and of its self.

As I sit here typing I look out my office window and see a hummingbird working over the hanging basket fuchsia Willie Tamerus - makes the whole effort worthwhile. Ok well breaks over have to get ready for my other job that keeps this operation afloat.

Happy Planting!!!!

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~2013 Fuchsia Sales & Events~

- JULY 27 Greater Seattle Judged Show at the Locks, 3015 NW 54th Street, Seattle, 9 AM-4 PM
- AUG 1-4 Crescent City Judged Show & Plant Sale, Dining Hall Del Norte County Fairgrounds
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- 17 Eastside FS Judged Show & Sale, Wilburton Instr. Svc. Ctr. 12241 Main Street, Bellevue 10 AM-3 PM
- 17 North Cascades Judged Show & Picnic, **Open to All**, 13314 – 34th Ave NW, Marysville, 10 AM-4 PM, Contact Shirley Rock for details samjerryrock@frontier.com or 360-652-8908
- 18 Ice Cream Social at Highline SeaTac Botanical Garden, 11am – Check out the Puget Sound Fuchsia Society's display garden
- SEPT 14 Olympia FS Show at Huntamer Park, Lacey, **Open to All**, 10 AM-TBD
- 21 **NWFS Board Meeting, 10 AM, Sky Nursery, 18528 Aurora Ave N., Shoreline, WA**
- OCT 19 Annual Meeting hosted by Fuchsia Fanciers, Swede Hall, 18543 Albany Street SW, Rochester, WA
- NOV 16 **NWFS Board Meeting, St Matthews Church, 1700 Edmonds Ave NE, Renton, 10 AM**
- www.nwfuchsiasociety.com

~NWFS Judges Symposium~

Symposium to be held at St. Matthews Fellowship Hall, 1700 Edmonds Avenue NE, Renton, WA.

Date & time to be determined.

- Cost is \$5.00 per person • Please bring your lunch.

This is your opportunity to discuss any problems you encountered as a NWFS judge, any recommendations you may have, and fun encounters that you would like to share with the group. If you have suggestions for spring workshops, please bring them also.

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~Sunshine~

Our sincerest, heartfelt sympathy go to the families of Donna Fellows and family on the recent passing of her nephew as well as Darlene Craig and family on the passing of longtime Eastside Fuchsia Society member Norm Craig. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families at this time of sorrow. May you find comfort in treasured memories.

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NWFS Board Meeting at Lake Wilderness - July 20, 2013



In a month that's been filled with 75+ degree days' hot coffee and blankets were welcome additions as the board and reps gathered in the fuchsia garden at the Lake Wilderness Arboretum.

For many of us it was a chance to view the fruits of our labors several years ago when we helped tackle the gardens' renovation. Their goal is to be home to the largest fuchsia display in the northwest.

On behalf of the LWA Foundation, Bob Wahlberg extended an invitation to their ***"Fuchsia Festival" and fund raising dinner August 6th, cost is \$25 per person.***

If you'd like to attend, please RSVP to:

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Your input is appreciated! Do let us know when changes are needed, if errors are made, and/or if you have ideas for improvement or additional information. That's how we all learn!

A SPORTING Year---again?

Last year seemed to be the season for fuchsias to be unhappy with their current color. We heard from several of you about plants sporting/mutating. Maybe with this year having another warm winter, we'll see more good sports.

Shirley Rock wrote in North Cascades' newsletter about her '**Machu Picchu**': "I started this from a cutting, and thought it had died. I noticed a little green sprout showing just before I was going to toss it in the compost pile. Saved by a sprout!" That would make it 'Variegated Machu Picchu', Willoughby, Canada, 2003. It reminds us that sports can certainly occur in different places. What we call 'Blue Eyes' (sport of 'Dark Eyes'), for example is 'Debra Hampson' in the U. K. and was registered as that.



'**Gracilis Tricolor**' is gorgeous, particularly when the sun 'pinks up' the leaves. It doesn't revert back to green leaves. It dates back to around 1840 when it was found by Potney in England and was referred to as "a seedling of *F. magellanica* var. *gracilis* variegata" which in today's world is really confusing. No capital letter indicates a species, but it is hybrid. In addition, there are no botanical "varieties" of the species *F. magellanica*, and today's 'Gracilis' is a hybrid as is 'Gracilis Variegata'. Of course then 'Gracilis Tricolor' is also hybrid! (And yes, it really is that bright red this year!)

I always wonder about '**Versicolor**'. How is it different? Do we have it here? Its description sounds like 'Gracilis Tricolor' to me: "rose tinted when young and irregularly variegated creamy white". But then, 'Gracilis Variegata' also throws up those light pink new stems and most of it reverts to green so at least it is easy to distinguish.

One that I'm disappointed in is ***F. regia* subsp. *regia***. It threw off two stems with bright red leaves. I did cuttings, but they are looking pretty normal right now- except that their leaves are different- one a yellow green and the other a bluish green. The cuttings were from the same stem.

So I went out to the plant and looked where the red-leaved stem had popped up through a fern. It's turning red again. Can't it make up its mind? Oh yeah, it doesn't have one.



That brings me to a reminder that our **NW Hybridizers/Finders** group doesn't meet unless there's a reason- the reason being to see new fuchsias and help test or register them if needed. It offers help with articles about hybridizing and has color cards to register fuchsias. The part we don't want to forget is that new plants are more easily found by just keeping our eyes open. Mother Nature and her hummers and bees have their own hybridizing program, and berry picking is another way to find new plants. Then there's watching for mutations. Many new fuchsias have been found that way.

Keep watching. You just never know what you will find.

A Tribute to Hybridizers~

By Verna Berger cbergie@comcast.net

"Hardy fuchsias will never hold center stage like those tender, showy-blossomed hybrids in hanging pots. The hardy fuchsias make graceful small shrubs about 3 feet tall, and in late summer they begin dripping with small, tubular flowers. No, they're not spectacular, but, hey, they come back", commented a freelance contributor to The Oregonian in 2009.

There are many of us who would totally disagree with that statement. Why? Because, for the most part, it is inaccurate. In fact, I felt a little insulted for the beautiful babies adorning our yard. That journalist may be a very knowledgeable gardener, but not quite a fuchsia lover. Most of us know the endless virtues of the hardy fuchsia, so not much will be said here about these ever evolving beauties that adorn our landscape. I would however, like to look at that statement from a different angle.

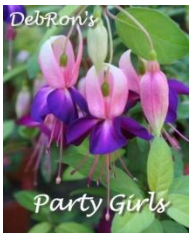
What do you see when you look at a Fuchsia in full bloom, either in a hanging basket or in the landscape? At its beauty? Most of us do. How many of us look at it and give a thought to the long, tedious years of work and dedication by its hybridist? Hybridizing is a painstakingly slow process with no guarantees of success. Let's look at a few Fuchsias that are still contributing to our enjoyment, as a result of someone's enduring patience and passion for beautiful, colorful blossoms.

According to George Bartlett in "Fuchsias The New Cultivars", Evans and Reeves, USA 1938 were responsible for creating "Cardinal" a hardy, stunning, vigorous growing, dark red beauty that grows upwards of 6 feet when planted in the ground. Very spectacular, indeed. It has been receiving "oohs" and "aahs" for years from numerous visitors to our garden.

"Display" (June Bride), hybridized by Smith, UK in 1881. Here is another superb hardy hybrid with deep rose pink sepals and deep cerise pink bell-shaped corolla, and a growth habit upwards of 4 feet when planted in the landscape. No one told Display it was not spectacular, so it has performed spectacularly for over 100 years.

One from within my lifetime, "Celia Smedley", a chance seedling from "pepi" by Bellamy, UK, 1970, has been a spectacular part of our landscape for over 12 years. Here is another vigorous grower, actually classified as 'hardy with protection', but in our landscape's micro climate, has proved to be hardy. Everyone who sees this spectacular variety in our front yard comments on her beauty. No eye can escape the gorgeous rose tube and sepals over the bright current red corolla.

Ann Gagnon, opened Ann's Gardens in Coos Bay, Oregon in 1962, after registering her first 5 cultivars with the American Fuchsia Society. She had been experimenting with hybridizing since sometime in the 1940's. One of her Fuchsias "Julie Horton" was named for one of our SW Portland Fuchsia Club members, who was Ann's piano student at the time. Ann found that once in 100 times, she would obtain a worthwhile plant from a cross. My hat's off to her patience and persistence.



Another recent hybridist, Ron Monnier, who for many years owned and operated Monnier's Country Gardens, for years patiently crossed likely varieties that hopefully would produce unusual color combinations and blossom forms that would prove hardy in the northwest climate. Countless numbers of tries, countless numbers of fuchsias were reduced to several hundred then put to the test in an unprotected open plot, exposed to all the elements, to see which would survive the northwest winter. Many of us are displaying the fruits of his labor in our containers and landscapes. His heart would ache when he would have to discard some he knew would never be strong or desirable. He hybridized 28 in all; however, not all are yet registered. Among them is "DeRon's Party Girls", a cross from "Ting-A-Ling" x "Maxima", registered in 2009.



Don Hesel of Crescent City Fuchsia Society, had his first success in 2002. From one cross he reaped 2 seeds, one of which eventually died. The survivor became "Convention 2004" (photo) in honor of the American Fuchsia Society Convention in 2004. At present, he has between 75-80 seedlings in 4" pots (many different sizes, light and dark shades, various shapes) growing towards their first blossom. How exciting! One of his favorite parent fuchsias is "Checkerboard". One of his experiences took him from exhilaration to disappointment when "My Solitaire" was tested for 3 years, registered, then the very next year, reverted. Flowers became small, pale colored and totally undesirable. Yet, he is still working with that cross to attain his goal; a plant like Checkerboard but with the colors of Blackie. The persistence of hybridizers is truly amazing to me. They're kind of like the 'energizer bunny'.

Upon surviving the proving ground of 3 years, then begins the rigorous registration process with the official registrar of the fuchsia world, The American Fuchsia Society. Some varieties never get registered, but are a part of the Fuchsia world, nevertheless.

Hybridizing is very personally rewarding; anyone with patience and a passion for fuchsias can do it. It is also contagious. However, there will always be those, like me, who love and enjoy their beauty, love to propagate, yet are challenged in the patience department. NW Fuchsia Society currently has a Hybridizer's Group who are continually striving to create new beauties for those of us who are "patience challenged".

Hopefully we will always have a healthy respect for, and, as we enjoy our beautiful fuchsias, be grateful to those who through their dedication have given us so many choices, both in the 'hardy' and 'tender' cultivars.

To each hybridist, each fuchsia represents years of personal contribution for the future enjoyment of many. They indeed have a unique passion and we have a passion for their creations. If you know a hybridizer, let them know you appreciate their dedication and admire their patience and persistence.

Fuchsias in the City

By Theo Margelony tmargelony@mac.com



Being somewhat in the middle of the Atlantic Seaboard, measuring from Florida to Nova Scotia, it's often been said that New York City gets the best of northern winters and southern summers. Of course, that's a joke. It really means the occasional deep dumps of snow in January and February and stretches of hot, sticky days and nights in July and August, climate of a kind more suitable to Savannah than New York. Heat and high humidity stress fuchsias here. Some beyond the limits of their endurance. Having gardened in the City for a number of years, I'm well used to the ravages of our summer weather in July and August. I sometimes vow to only grow the tried-and-true plants that can stand up to my summer assault but, let's be honest, who can resist trying most any fuchsia? Not me. So I'm always prepared to lose a couple or three before cooler weather prevails again in the fall.

This year, however, the summer's heat and humidity started already well in early June and has been unrelenting since. Several weeks, now, of dew points hovering at seventy degrees Fahrenheit, and more, coupled with temperatures in the eighties and nineties. Very roughly, the dew point is the temperature below which moisture in the air evaporates and condenses at the same rate. I usually tend to look at the dew point as an indicator of comfort, for both me and my plants, rather than simple humidity. The consistently high dew points and temperatures over the last few weeks have had been hard on the fuchsias. Essentially, they're having troubling transpiring normally. To add to the misery, it's been much rainier than normal this summer as well, with daily spates of afternoon thundershowers like those that occur in the tropics as the heat builds. Think Borneo and you get the idea.



While the garden is generally doing well, an unusual number of my plants have given up the ghost to the weather this year. They seem fine... But then I notice that the ends of a branch or two are wilting. Pretty soon the whole plant suddenly collapses. Cutting back does n't help because the constant rainy conditions have also kept the roots too wet, despite careful watering and well-draining potting soil, and they're probably now too damaged to support the plant. Like I said, I expect to lose a few plants during the course of my urban summer but this summer has been harder than usual and I've lost several more than I really expected. The *F. magellanica* crosses have been especially hard hit. That's unfortunate because they're among my favorites. I was especially sad to see a large, newly acquired *F. magellanica* 'Windcliff Flurry' go suddenly. I had managed to get a large specimen through an area nursery earlier this spring and it was looking great. And then within only a few days it was collapsed! On the bright side, most other fuchsias, especially all the Angel Earrings hybrids, have been blooming non-stop, seemingly nonplussed by the hot, humid weather. Well, except for one hardy 'Angel Earrings Dainty' planted in the ground by the far wall...



To add insult to injury, the hot weather has also brought on what seems like a mini-invasion of large, plump night-feeding caterpillars. Plumped, apparently, only on fuchsia leaves. My fuchsias' leaves. I've looked in all the literature, but I'm still not even sure what this particular beastie is exactly. It's big and bad and has apparently has quite a taste for fuchsias. I've been carefully watching for the pests, though, out with a flashlight at night even. But in the case of the unfortunate 'Angel Earrings Dainty', some caterpillar dined on all its leaves. Almost every one. And all its flowers. And buds. In a single night. What's left of the poor plant is just straight stems and the jagged leaf stalks. It'll put out new shoots soon enough but I'm not so sure I'll recover from the shock as fast as it will!

Around the Sound and Beyond Our Borders

By Joan Hampton joanfuchsia@comcast.net

Eastside Fuchsia Society – Their one-day Show and Plant Sale is August 17th, they are at the Wilburton School next to BBG which is undergoing renovation. They will move the display closer to the street in order to attract more attention. Their project plant is Violette.

Fuchsia Fanciers – Plans are underway for the Annual Meeting in October and the big raffle item has been completed. Wait until you see it! Pat Arndt and Sally Williams attended a recent meeting giving a program on collecting fuchsia lore.

Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society – Their one-day show was held the end of July, with several members also bringing plants for display. The August meeting is an ice-cream social, awards (mostly monetary this year), with Salli Dahl giving a presentation.

Lakebay Fuchsia Society – Their show will be held with Puyallup and Tahoma on August 10-11 at Watson's Greenhouse in Puyallup. Their garden tour and potluck is coming up on August 25th.

North Cascades Fuchsia Society – Frankie Dennison recently did a program on Miniature Gardens which many clubs have adopted into their show schedules for this year. They are doing Blossom Display at the Stanwood/Camano Island Fair on August 3-4; and also at the Skagit County Fair on August 9-10, and their own show and club picnic will be on August 17th at Jerry and Shirley Rock's home. A busy month for them!

Olympia Fuchsia Society – They are working on their Show to be held September 14 at Huntamer Park in Lacey. It is open to all, not just their own club.

Pilchuck Fuchsia Society – Their show is coming up on August 10-11, held in conjunction with Sno-King at Country Village.

Puget Sound Fuchsia Society – They recently planned a field trip to several nurseries in Snohomish starting from the Maltby Café, a popular place!

Puyallup Valley Fuchsia Society – Their Show is August 10-11 at Watson's Greenhouse in Puyallup, held in conjunction with Lakebay and Tahoma.

Sno-King Fuchsia Society – Their show and plant sale is also August 10-11 held at Country Village in Bothell with Pilchuck joining with them.

SW Portland Fuchsia Society – They are not having a show or display this year but are encouraging their member to take part in the Floral Hall exhibits at the Washington County Fair. Their newsletter gave some good tips on summer care for our fuchsias through the hot weather we are having for our area.

Tahoma Fuchsia Society – Their show will be held August 10-11 at Watson's Greenhouses in Puyallup in conjunction with Puyallup and Lakebay Societies.

Crescent City Branch AFS – Their show and plant sale is August 1-4 at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds. Their recent newsletter had an interesting article on What the Judges Look for, and how to achieve that.

Eugene Fuchsia Society – Sandi Jensen says there isn't much you can do about the hot, hot weather they are having except whine about it! But also to check your fuchsias and be careful about your watering, you don't want to overwater! And be on the lookout for insects!

NW Fuchsia Lore Collectors Club – Their summer potluck meeting was held at Betty and Jack Peary’s home on Camano, and there was a lovely breeze. And that enhanced our program of flags, banners, and wind chimes featuring fuchsias. Out last meeting of the year will be in October and we’ll feature Christmas Ornaments featuring fuchsias.

South African Fuchsia Society – From their *Fanfare* is an interesting article on Insects and Mites on Fuchsias, and lists several that are common to us, but also Lacewings and Praying Mantis. They have a section with color photos on fuchsias new to them, including: DeRons Mangolita, Coralle, Wendy Hebdon, Oulton Fairy, Joycey, and Karen Isles.

The British Fuchsia Society – They, of course, are getting ready to host the big Convention in September, and a lot of their efforts are going into that. They also have a new Editor, John Nicholass (who has written several fuchsia books) and therefore a new format to their *Bulletin*. And along with the Convention, shows are in full swing. Among the pictures in the *Bulletin* is the quilt made by Shirley Rock and Gloria McDonald and donated to their AGM last Spring by NWFS; and picture of Dan Matheson wearing his kilt made from fuchsia fabric!

BC Fuchsia and Begonia Society – Their show and sale was held the end of July at the VanDusen Botanical Garden Floral Hall in Vancouver. Along with the show they have a Tea Room, raffles, etc. It’s a fun weekend!

American Fuchsia Society – They have an extensive Photography Contest headed by their Photography Chairman, Al Sydnor, with photos due by September 6th. Their *Bulletin* also has a good article on *Fuchsia Care in the Sacramento Area*, another of the hot spots for fuchsia growing. Growing fuchsias in Sacramento is much different than growing in the Pacific Northwest!



Pyramid Diary ~

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By Arthur Phillips nanart@btinternet.com



The pyramid has come back into growth and has responded very well to the recent stopping and tying programme used to bring it back into shape. The bare patch at the base on one side has now been covered by new growth carefully trained and stopped to achieve this. It had been thought that a new young plant would be needed to fill this bare spot, and to that end some of the earlier growth removed had been used as starts, giving young plants for that purpose. However, they were not needed. These have now been planted in a large tub and will be used as decoration at the BFS Convention in September.

The pyramid is at present in need of some careful tying to bring the growth into a final *Pyramid* shape again and it will be left to bloom hopefully for early September when it will be used on Fuchsia Friends displays at the BFS Convention and at the Malvern Autumn Show.

Arthur Says~

By Arthur Phillips nanart@btinternet.com

Summer has at long last arrived here in the UK. Perhaps only for a few days but as I write this article the temperature is in the upper 70s and has been for the last several days after the coldest May & June for several years. Thank goodness that we have the automatic watering system hooked up, for the last two mornings I have put it on for 30minutes to reduce the time spent hand watering, then giving 15minutes in the late afternoon to mist and bring the temperatures down around the fuchsias.

By having the watering system in use means the need to be more vigilant to keeping the plants clean of debris, especially fallen blooms as these quickly rot down to form botrytis in the plants, this being especially so because the fuchsias are grouped too close together. Blooms from the taller plants like the standards (trees) and especially Nancy's spiral of White Knights Pearl, which has been in full bloom since early May drop small dead flowers on to the plants in the immediate vicinity.

For the next two months we are extremely busy with both judging and showing, as well as, unusually for us, we still have a couple of talking engagements to fulfill. We try not to give talks during the summer because we are so busy with judging commitments. Sunday the 7th July, we attended a judge's workshop at Windsor which is south and east of us, just west of London. Saturday 20th July, we judge the Cotswold Fuchsia Show. On the 27th July we judge in the Isle of Wight, which is an island just off the south coast of England, 28th July Birmingham, 3rd August Black Country Fuchsia Society and then it will be the BFS Shows which I am hoping to exhibit at the London, Midland and Southwest Shows. After that a short rest before the Convention.

For my shows I have several plants I have hopes for. One I have already had to carry out bud selection twice, removing all of the larger buds so that I can get a flush of flower all over, is my 6inch basket of Harry Grey. This I am hoping to be able to show in the *Small Pot Culture* class along with one of the columns of *Papoose* that I have. I was hoping I could use the Harry Grey basket at London and Midland Shows. But as it is trying to bloom so early I am very doubtful as it could quite well be flowered out by then. Very doubtful if it will have flower and bud as this is what the judges look for in appraising the plants. As you can see from the photo, it is planted in a metal colander because plastic baskets are not made in a six inch diameter. A large flour sieve could also be used.



One of my outsiders is a plant of *Cherry Lee* in a 6inch pot. It is a huge plant the big problem is giving it enough water in these high temperatures, the plant has such large growth to its root ball. We will see. But if I can keep it healthy and get it to bloom at the right time for a Show it will be stunning.

HARDY FUCHSIA HOWTO's~

By Ron Monnier

Reprint from the American Fuchsia Society website

Posted on [January 20, 2012](#) by [afs](#)

The big buzz in fuchsias continues to be "hardy". Many people Debbie and I talk to at sales are tired of the putzing associated with container fuchsias. People want to be able to plant their fuchsia in the ground, and have a reasonable expectation that it will survive from one year to the next. So what is a hardy fuchsia? When I talk about hardy, I refer to the ability of a fuchsia to be planted in the landscape, and be able to grow and thrive planted in the ground having survived a number of winters.

Something that Debbie and I feel very strongly about is that "hardy" is more than just choosing the right plant. Plant selection is just the beginning. Site selection, planting techniques, plant health and winter care are all factors that contribute to maximizing the success rate with landscape fuchsias. Many people feel that cold winter weather is the biggest factor for winter kill in the Willamette Valley. What we have found through is that we have lost more plants in wet years than cold ones. Fuchsias don't like wet feet. A well drained spot is critical to the survival rate of many fuchsias. One can alter the planting spot by creating a raised bed or by amending the soil with materials that improve drainage. At the very least, just be sure to avoid known wet areas; like low spots that puddle or next to down spouts.

A huge misconception about fuchsias is that they are only shade plants. Fuchsias actually grow better in brighter spots than shadier ones. The misconception comes from growing fuchsias in containers. Fuchsias don't like hot roots. We have to protect container grown fuchsias from the sun so the container doesn't heat up. When we plant them in the ground, the fuchsias roots are kept cool. Comparing plants grown in the sun versus shade, one will find that as we ease them into the sun they become sturdier, more compact and self supporting. They are more floriferous as well. A few varieties, especially the ones with chartreuse foliage, might show a little sun scorch during the heat of August. They quickly recover as the weather cools in the fall. A big thing to consider though is to avoid planting where there is reflected heat, like on the south side of a house. The reflected heat will stress the plants causing them to be magnets for spider mites and other pests.

It freaks a lot of people out when Debbie and I talk about planting the fuchsia like a tomato. We learned that the British would plant their fuchsia in the bottom of a 4"x6" depression. Over the course of the first summer they would scratch soil back around the fuchsia, filling the depression by fall. The net effect was that they were planting their fuchsias 4-6 inches deep. Fuchsias are herbaceous perennials. When we have freezing weather, the plant is frosted to the ground. The British idea of sinking the plant in the ground tends to protect the plant with an insulating blanket of soil, I liked their idea, but didn't have the time luxury to come back and scratch dirt into the depression all summer. We decided to just try sinking the plant 4-6" down in the ground at planting time. In the case of some small plants we only go about 1/2 the size of the plant. We found that not only does winter survivability increase, but because we are sinking more stems in the ground, we are producing a bushier plant. With the planting hole dug to the appropriate depth, it's important to amend the soil. Fuchsia love fertilizer and organic matter. By incorporating fertilizer and organic matter now, we are getting it introduced throughout the soil. I use $\frac{1}{4}$ cup of 16-16-16 along with alfalfa pellets for organic matter. Any organic matter works; potting soil, compost, leaf mulch, etc. I put $\frac{1}{2}$ the 16-16-16 and alfalfa pellets in the bottom of the hole and the rest in the back fill. Mix thoroughly. Sink the plant in the ground. It may seem hard to see so much of the plant being buried. In the long term, though it will be so much happier. Water, mulch and keep your fuchsia fed. Consider drainage, light, and deep planting. Doing these things gives your fuchsias the edge they need to maximize their survival and success through our Willamette Valley winters.

NWFS ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday • October 19, 2013

Hosted by Fuchsia Fanciers

Swede Hall • 18543 Albany Street SW • Rochester, WA



Mapquest Directions to Swede Hall from I-5:

- From I-5 S, take exit #88, US-12 W toward Aberdeen/Tenino
 - Turn Right onto US-12 4.7 mi
 - Turn Left onto Albany St SW .3 mi
 - 18543 Albany St SW is on the right
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 - Turn Left onto US-12 4.8 mi
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Raffles: This beautiful two sided piece could be yours for the price is a \$1.00 raffle ticket. Approximate size is 30 x 36 inches; hand painted on metal with a high gloss finish and suitable for outdoor display. Will Gibbs will be mailing raffle tickets to the club presidents in the next few weeks. There will also be other wonderful items donated by all the clubs including NWFS. All raffle tickets are \$1.00 each.

50/50 Draw: This "brainchild" of Kevin Jones was a hit at last years' meeting, so bring money, we're doing it again. Who knows, maybe you're the lucky one that will go home with some extra cash!

Luncheon: Fuchsia Fanciers' will provide desserts, rolls & butter, coffee, tea and punch. Everyone else will bring a salad plus a serving utensil. Last year's salads were wonderful so if you can bring your recipe to share, that would be great.

Questions? Contact Will Gibbs, President, Fuchsia Fanciers • 360-983-3354 • will.swoffordpond@gmail.com

NWFS PHOTO CONTEST 2013
Co-chairs Al Balch & John McMann of Olympia Fuchsia Society

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 photo 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.

Classes

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. Triphylla 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.

Rules

1. Photos must be entered as prints, with no border. Maximum size of prints will be 4x6 rectangular or 4.5x4.5 square. Any type of camera.
2. A limit of 12 photos per exhibitor 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 but you may not enter more than 3 photos (must be different poses) of the same variety in any one class. (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 2013 NWFS Annual Meeting.
5. Ribbons will be awarded for first, second and third in each class. There will also be a "People's Choice" awarded - determined by ballots from those attending the Annual Meeting.
6. All photos must be **RECEIVED BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2013.**
7. Mail to: John McMann
2513 Thurston Ave NE
Olympia, WA 98506-4877

Questions? Contact...

John McMann • 360-570-0068 • granpamickeymann@gmail.com

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 and vertical formats. Use them as appropriate.**
- **Cropping is important in eliminating unwanted elements in 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 MINUTES – JUNE 8, 2013

The meeting was opened by President Kevin Jones at 10:30 a.m. in the meeting space at Sky Nursery. This was our Anniversary Meeting, celebrating the existence of NWFS since April, 1983, with our Past Presidents providing our refreshments.

Roll Call was taken with changes: Sharon Miller has moved from Lakebay to Peninsula; Jerry Van Noy added to Lakebay, John McMann replaced by Mary Pierron; and Roberta Koval deleted from “alternates”.

Vice president Salli Dahl has visited several clubs in the south areas, and noted that if a north club would like her to visit and speak, she needs to do it before it's too dark for the drive back.

The previous Minutes were sent to Reps on-line, and there were no corrections or addition, and approved as printed.

Treasurer Claudia Attebery went over a few things on the “Treasurer’s Report”

Flash – Effective with the August 2013 issue, the price of Flash subscriptions will increase to cover all costs of printing, postage and supplies.

Historian had no report.

Public Relations, no report

Speakers’ List, no report

Growers’ List, no report

Judges Chairman, Shirley Rock, reported that a symposium will be held in November.

Scholarship – Sally Williams reported that there would be two recipients this year. Sharon Miller volunteered to be part of the committee.. NWFS Treasurer, Claudia Attebery has been added to the signature card.

Spring Plant Sale – Bob Anderson said there would be a meeting of the growers and will present their findings at a later meeting. The plant sale is currently scheduled for April 5, 2014.

Roster – Pat Arndt has a few extras at \$5 per copy

Hardy List – Salli Dahl needs names/pictures of fuchsias blooming in your yard before June 30 as they are classified Very Hardy. Those in bloom by the end of July are Hardy.

Website – Salli Dahl indicated that all the changes have been made. There were questions about the costs recently incurred. If one of our members would like to be webmaster or work with the current webmaster, volunteers are always needed.

Old Business

Meeting Locations – Discussion of the North and South locations... various sites will be researched. The “refreshment assignments” will be reworked to coordinate with the North/South meeting designations.

The September 21st meeting will be back at Sky Nursery if space is available. Joan Hampton will check on this

New Business

Officer Nominations - Pat Arndt made a MOTION to re-elect all officers in their current positions, seconded by Betty Peary, PASSED.

Annual Meeting - Ann Tanner is stepping down as Photo Contest Chair, and John McMann and Al Balch, members of Olympia Fuchsia Society, will take over. The previous rules will be used with dates, etc. changed for this year. Gloria McDonald made a MOTION to use show ribbons instead of cash prizes, seconded by Betty Peary, PASSED.

Shirley Rock indicated she would pay NWFS \$25 because her ad on the webpage had brought in a customer. She thought other businesses listed might consider also paying for the privilege of being listed on the website.

July 20, 2013 meeting 10 AM at, Lake Wilderness Arboretum, Maple Valley (www.lakewildernessarboretum.org) picnic to follow - Bring lunch & a lawn chair. Refreshments for July will be provided by Fuchsia Fanciers, Peninsula and Puget Sound

The meeting was adjourned, the room cleaned up, and a Convention 2015 meeting was held immediately afterwards.

Respectfully submitted,

Joan Hampton, for Frances Underwood

NWFS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING & PICNIC • MEETING MINUTES
Saturday July 20, 2013 • 10:00 AM • Lake Wilderness Arboretum, 22520 SE 248th St, Maple Valley
Refreshments were provided by Fuchsia Fanciers & Peninsula. Puget Sound rep did not attend.

President Kevin Jones called the meeting to order at 10:20 AM.

Roll call was taken.

REPORT OF OFFICERS

VP & Club Liaison - Salli Dahl was invited to the Greater Seattle Fuchsia Society Ice Cream Social on August 13.

Recording Secretary – A motion to accept the minutes of the June 8th meeting; seconded, and passed.

Corresponding/Sunshine Secretary - Donna Fellows – Donna was not present. Frances will send a sympathy card to Donna in the loss of her nephew.

Treasurer - Claudia Attebery – Claudia emailed the Treasurer's Report.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Flash – Editor, Claudia Attebery – reported that costs of The Flash have gone up, member clubs will pay full price beginning with the August 2013 issue. Paid subscriptions mailed within the continental US will remain at \$12/year; international subscriptions will increase to \$20/year. A motion was passed that The Flash will not be mailed to clubs delinquent beyond 60 days.

Historian - Joan Hampton – no update to report

Judges - Shirley Rock – Shirley was not present. The date for The Judges Symposium (Nov?) is still being determined.

Public Relations - Joan Hampton – No updates.

Scholarship - Sally Williams – Sally was not present.

Spring Plant Sale – Discussion of whether or not to continue to accept credit cards at our 2014 Plant Sale.

Speakers' List - Dorothy McMann – No updates.

Growers' List - Frances Underwood – Please continue to encourage our members to support our member growers

NWFS Roster - Pat Arndt – Not present – no report

Hardy List - Salli Dahl – No changes. Salli is always on the lookout for plants to add to this list.

Web Site - Salli Dahl – Please keep Salli informed as to updates.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Meeting Locations – Members were encouraged to find meeting north/south sites that are as accessible as possible and revise our refreshment list to coordinate w/meetings.

Species Booklet – Salli Dahl – Salli showed us a very colorful cover of the new Species Book. The cost will be approximately \$12.00 each

New Zealand Calendars – Joan Hampton – Joan needs final information as to number wanted before July 31.

NEW BUSINESS

“Fuchsia Festival” at Lake Wilderness Arboretum. August 6, at 6:00 PM. Cost: \$25.00 per person for a steak dinner. Please consider sponsoring a table of 8. Sponsors will provide salad and dessert for their table. RSVP to Lake Wilderness.

Nomination of Vice-President – Salli Dahl stepping down. It was decided to form a Nominating Committee consisting of that the Past Presidents to find possible VP Candidates for next year.

Annual Meeting – Salli Dahl

NWFS Raffle Basket for Annual Meeting - Sally Wipf graciously offered to purchase the items for the NW Basket and, thankfully, Pat Arndt is willing to wrap it for us. A motion was passed to budget \$125.00 for the basket.

- **Raffle** - Will Gibbs showed us a lovely two-sided fuchsia picture as the raffle prize. We will have Ticket Packets for club reps

Recognition Awards – Joan Hampton – At the September Board Meeting we will choose recipients for these awards. Last Year's Winners will head the committee to select recipients. Qualifications and Past Recipients are listed in the NWFS Roster.

Photo Contest – Al Balch & John McMann .

NWFS Bylaws – Joan Hampton updating/rewriting – a committee is needed to update the By-Laws. Joan Hampton suggested Sally Williams and the Past Presidents

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER

September 21, 2013 meeting 10 AM at Sky Nursery 18528 Aurora Ave N, Shoreline.

- **September refreshments provided by Eastside & Greater Seattle**
- **If your club is unable to provide refreshments, please make arrangements for someone else to do so.**

Minutes recorded by Frances Underwood, Recording Secretary.

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA SOCIETY ~ MEMBERS, AFFILIATES & SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

EASTSIDE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Evergreen Court
900 – 124th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98005-2584
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
Reps: Jackie Lyons, Debbie Metzger

Stan Otis, President
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Kirkland, WA 98034-5353
425-823-8876 H
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FUCHSIA FANCIERS

Borst Park, Centralia
West of I-5 off @ exit 82
Centralia, WA 98531
Meets 2nd Monday, 7pm
Reps: Salli Dahl, Mel Kortlever & Lyn Carpenter-Kortlever

Will Gibbs, President
197 Green Mountain Road
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will.swoffordpond@gmail.com

GREATER SEATTLE FUCHSIA SOCIETY

St Paul's United Church of Christ
6512 – 12th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117-5246
Meets 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
Reps: Alta Anderson, Claudia Attebery, Frances Underwood, Alt- Ron Herzog

Bob Anderson, President
8520 – 188th St SW
Edmonds, WA 98026-5919
425-672-8206 H
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LAKEBAY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Key Center Library
8905 Key Peninsula Hwy N
Lakebay, WA 98349-9326
Meets 1st Thursday, 7pm
Reps: Betty Foster & Jerry Vannoy
* (Jerry VanNoy, Co-Pres- (in AZ winter)

*Betty Foster, Co-Pres
1607 Weatherswood Dr NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335-7876
253-857-3097 H
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NORTH CASCADES FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Skagit Valley Senior Village
400 Gilkey Road
Burlington, WA 98233-2907
Meets 3rd Monday, 7pm
Reps: Kevin Jones, Gloria McDonald & Betty Peary

Rich Wesen, President
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rwesen@hotmail.com

OLYMPIA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Schmidt Mansion
330 Schmidt Place
Tumwater, WA 98501-3338
Meets 1st Monday, 7pm
Reps: Dorothy McMann, Mary Pierron

Tammy Brown, President
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Olympia, WA 98512-9219
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PENINSULA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Clearbrook Inn
12295 Schold Rd Place NW
Silverdale, WA 98383-9506
Meets 3rd Tuesday, 7pm
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Donna Kearns, Contact
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Seabeck, WA 98380-9747
360-830-5856 H
finsandflowers@netzero.net

PILCHUCK FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Red Barn @ Jennings Park
6915 Armar Rd (51st)
Marysville, WA 98270-4414
Meets 4th Monday, 6:30pm
Reps: Frankie Dennison

Julie Simmons, President
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Everett, WA 98201-2032
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juliesway@clear.net

PUGET SOUND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Seaview United Methodist Church
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Seattle, WA 98136-1455
Reps: Dan Winchester

Janet Dillow, President
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PUYALLUP VALLEY FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Puyallup Valley Library
324 South Meridian
Puyallup, WA 98371-5914
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7pm
Reps: Renae Carnay, Audrey Plummer
Sally Wipf

Dianne Simmons, President
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Milton, WA 98354-8621
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SNO-KING FUCHSIA SOCIETY

<http://snokingfuchsiasociety.yolasite.com/>
Lynnwood Fire Station #14
18800 – 68th Avenue W
Lynnwood, WA 98036
Meets 1st Tuesday, 7pm
Reps: Dorothy & Ray Anderson,
Michele Hamilton

Eva Fisher, President
23018 – 53rd Ave SE
Bothell, WA 98021-8574
425-481-8998 H
eva.fisher@comcast.net

SOUTHWEST PORTLAND FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Edgewood Down Retirement Center
7799 SW Scholls Ferry Road
Beaverton, OR 97008-6584
Meets 2nd Tuesday

Kevin Redden, President
10395 SW 152nd Ave
Beaverton, OR 97007-6281
503-524-6754 H
brittdol@juno.com

TAHOMA FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Lakewood Presbyterian Church
8601 – 104th St SW
Lakewood, WA 98498-4473
Meets 4th Monday, 7pm
Reps: Mary Best

Donna Fellows, Contact
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sewfuchsia@gmail.com

~Affiliated Societies~

CRESCENT CITY BRANCH AFS

Crescent City Branch AFS
PO Box 432
Crescent City, CA 95531-0432
Meets 3rd Wednesday, 6pm
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donhelsel@charter.net

Adam Dahlberg, President
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EUGENE FUCHSIA & BEGONIA SOCIETIES

Garden Club
1645 High Street
Eugene, OR 97401-4113
Meets 2nd Thursday, 7:30pm

Sandi Jensen, President
20419 Highway 126
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541-935-2482 H
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NORTH OLYMPIC FUCHSIA SOCIETY

Paradise Restaurant
703 N Sequim Avenue
Sequim, WA 98382-3165
Meets 4th Tuesday, 1pm
Reps: Salli Dahl

Joe Bruneau, President
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~Special Interest Groups~

NORTHWEST FUCHSIA HYBRIDIZERS' SOCIETY

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dahlhaus@g.com
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NW FUCHSIA LORE COLLECTORS CLUB

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