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Visiting Connie Hansen Garden this Fall!

The garden itself is always open during daylight hours. You are welcome to explore the paths, but please wear a mask because the narrowness of the pathways makes social distancing difficult. Until better times, stay safe. If you are not already vaccinated, please consider doing so.

The Garden House is not currently open due to the Covid situation. No public gathering events are currently scheduled, which is disappointing for all of us who enjoy hosting a variety of workshops, classes, sales, gallery exhibits and other fun events.

Seasonally there are plants for sale in front of the house. Plant payments and donations are welcome. Place cash or check in an envelope provided beside the bulletin board and put it through the letter slot in the front door. Thank you for your generous contribution to the future of this garden.

2021 Calendar of Events

When events can again be scheduled, we will post them on our bulletin board and web page, also this newsletter.

***Visit our website often for up to date details,
Share your photos of CHG on our Facebook page.***



Verbena bonariensis by the bridge to the heather beds.

From the President's Desk:

What is that plant? This time of year the question usually refers to the giant gunnera leaves, or the tall, airy plant loaded with purple flowers, *Verbena bonariensis*. Native to Brazil and Argentina, the specific name is after Buenos Aires.

In our area it can be a perennial, forming a clump with wiry, stiff stems and branches, topped with clusters of tiny lavender flowers that attract the bees and butterflies.

Blooming nonstop from midsummer to frost, if not deadheaded it can reseed freely, but volunteers can be easily pulled out. It likes full sun, average soil, and is fairly drought tolerant once established, reaching a height of 3 to 5 feet or more. It's a favorite background for many a photo in the garden!

~~Kathie Arehart, President

The State of the Garden

In spite of somewhat erratic and surprising summer weather, the garden has developed quite naturally this past year, proving that plants can cope with more unusual conditions than we think they can. Of course, they've drunk up quite a lot of water to carry out their designated growth habits, but over all, the garden has been quite lovely.



Salpiglossis

Spots of annual color have contributed to the beauty. The advantage of using some annuals is that the soil can be well worked each year, and compost and fertilizer added, which promotes the health and growth of the chosen plants.



The Gunneras did well despite the drought.

Phenomenal quantities of growth are not the goal in a mature garden, so this year's record weed growth has not been welcome. A hard-working group of volunteer gardeners have been kept quite busy beating back weeds, pruning overgrown shrubs and trees, and keeping the drier areas watered.



Volunteer weeding the White Garden.

In a garden of this age, the need for modifications can be expected. Removal of a few old trees and other plants has made rejuvenation possible, and is and will continue to be accomplished a little at a time.



Heather Beds & the Bench on the Terrace

A damaged tree was removed from behind the bench in the upper right corner of this photo. The area looks better without it; sometimes less is more.

(The State of the Garden Continued)



*Oakleaf Hydrangea, *Hydrangea quercifolia*
Chilly nights are starting to turn foliage red.*

With fall approaching, the colorful nature of the garden will gradually shift from flowery annuals and perennials to foliage interest and a few late bloomers



We had enough warmth for late-blooming sunflowers.

As in all seasons, there will be something of interest to enjoy during a leisurely stroll around the paths, and plenty of maintenance tasks to keep volunteers occupied.



Anyone who would enjoy making some new gardening friends, or just volunteering a few hours to help with garden maintenance is welcome.



The friendly Red Skimmer dragonfly lives by the pond.



Hypericum 'Hidcote' has leaves that smell of lemon.



Being part of this beauty is gratifying, as current volunteers will tell you.

The Names of the Roses

~~Nancy Chase

Connie Hansen selected roses for her garden carefully, choosing varieties that withstand the salt winds without excessive black spot.



The most beautiful of the roses is the gorgeous everblooming yellow rose by the mailbox on 33th St. A search through the digital transcript of Connie's journals for "yellow rose" brought up her comment from 1984: *"...Then I went to the Rose Garden at Bush Pasture - the little yellow rose I grew from a cutting is Golden Lace."* Gretchen Carnaby, a rosarian from *Bush's Pasture* Park, was able to confirm that the yellow rose is 'Golden Lace.'



The fence on Oar Street supports the huge trunk of a small flowered pink rose, a hardy survivor surrounded by tree-sized rhododendrons.



The rose arch entry to the Morning Garden supports three varieties of rose: the vigorous climbing 'Cecile Brunner' rose, whose dainty pink buds are often used by florists for corsages, along with two unidentified climbing roses, one pink and one fragrant white, making a pretty frame for June photos.



'Cecil Brunner' is the 'Sweetheart Rose.'



Connie planted a start of the pink rose from the arch to grow up through a white heather, a surprise to see it peeking out in the spring.



A pretty pink and white spring blooming rose (above) grows on the fence on 34th St. This rose can be seen in many local yards because it does well on the coast, but nobody seems to have a name for it.



'Grootendorst Pink', also on 34th Street, has petals that look like they were cut with pinking shears. Hybridized from a rugosa strain, it can handle salt spray. Rugosas tend to spread, but this one is well behaved.



Not well behaved, an overly vigorous white rose rambles through the Arborvitae Hedge. It blooms all summer, setting rose hips at the same time, with brilliantly glossy foliage. We hope to identify these roses that seem to be uniquely suited for the coastal climate.

What is this?



A six foot tall Lady Fern? Or...

Tom just found an unusually large fern. We have no idea what it is, or when it was planted. There are many types of ferns in the garden, some common and others unusual.

Finding unfamiliar plants is part of the fun of a visit to the garden. It would be a very well trained visitor who could identify every plant on the property. Very commonly volunteers are approached by a visitor with phone in hand providing photo of the current question to ask. Often we can identify the plant in question and even explain a little about it, but sometimes we are "stumped" too. There are a lot of things here to see.



Ladies Mantle, Alchemilla mollis, enjoying the rain.

SURPRISE!



Japanese Iris have intricate petals.

Once in a while, we all get a surprise. The iris in the photo above was an addition to the area just east of the garden house that we call "The White Garden". It was expected to be white to coordinate with the other plants chosen for that slightly raised area.

Surprise! Just as beautiful as a white iris would have been, but definitely not white. However, much more welcome than some of the surprises we find in the Garden.

Since iris was one of Connie's favorite plants, and she put in a selection of many varieties, blooming time in the spring and early summer is a good time to visit.

Close inspection, and perhaps an enjoyment of photography, can add to the enjoyment of a visit to the garden during any season.

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