

# Lilac Lines...February 2023

Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens, PO Box 828,  
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**2023 Lilac Days theme is “Hats from the Past”, why not wear one when you come to visit.**

## **HKLG Executive Director report** by Mari Ripp, Executive Director

Winter is coming to a close and Spring is right around the corner. The garden is showing signs of buds and things are poking up from the ground. Our garden team have been busy weeding, trimming, chipping, and doing a thorough cleanup of the garden beds and the beds and plants are looking fantastic! New plants have been placed in some empty spots too from previous years winter and heat damage. We have transplanted a large “Alice Christensen” which is a double purple mid-bloom near the rear of the house. Make sure to look for it when you tour the garden at Lilac Days from Saturday, April 22nd to Sunday, May 14th, 10 am-4 pm daily.



Speaking of Lilac Days, we are busy prepping the NEW Museum Barn with exhibits and photos. The volunteer work-party crews have met numerous times organizing, prepping, and hanging all the photos and memorabilia for this year's theme: “Hats from the Past”. We're excited to share this with all our members and the public. We've also done a lot of re-arranging in the house and are hopeful we can get enough volunteers to re-open it too. We need YOU, your friends and family to make it happen! Volunteer as little as 3 hours of time, or multiple 3 hour shifts on multiple days. There are many ways to contact us to volunteer in multiple areas. The

areas are the Barn Museum, house, plant sales, gate (admissions), general garden assistance and setup before and cleanup after. (\*Thank you to those who have already responded and signed up.)

Contact us at:

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Christmas at Lilac Gardens 2022



## What's New at the Gardens:

By Mari Ripp, Executive Director

There's been a lot going on at the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens! Christmas party 2022

The membership held the annual Christmas party in December at the Lilac Gardens house. It was well attended, and we all had fun sharing good company, great food and goodies and fun at the white elephant gift exchange.

## Quilt Raffle 2023



The 2023 quilt raffle tickets are now available. It was commissioned from the Quilt group "Memory Blocks" at Community of Christ Church, Ridgefield and quilted by Peggy Muhly. This beautiful quilt measures 90"x90" with a purple and lilac theme can be won by a donation for tickets \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We also have members selling tickets too and can use your help. Contact [hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com](mailto:hklgexecutivedirector@gmail.com) or Patti Audette 360-521-4955. Drawing will be at the annual picnic in July 2023 at the gardens.



## ADA Ramp and Deck Repair/Replacement

The board of directors are accepting bids for a new ADA Ramp and deck repair/replacement at the new barn museum. This project will be expensive, so we are still looking for grants and donations. First bid due date is Tuesday February 7th and bids will be reviewed by the board on February 8th. Our hope is we can have the barn open and be ADA accessible. More updates will follow at upcoming Membership meetings.



## Recognition of Joan Harshberger

At the January 24th Membership meeting, the board and membership recognized Joan Harshberger for her many years of service where she volunteered and served as Treasurer. She was presented with a Certificate of Recognition and a gift. We applaud and thank Joan for her many years of dedicated service.

## Membership Meeting Speakers

We were excited to have volunteer speakers at our recent Membership meetings. Each month we plan to have a feature speaker to share interesting garden tips, tricks, or history of the gardens. We'd love your input and ideas and are looking for a chair of this sub-committee.



At our October General Meeting Juanita MacMahon recently shared some history of Hulda Klager and her flock of geese who had a feather problem. If you weren't there, make sure to ask about this hilarious true story!



In January Gudrun Mahrt, Agriculture Sales – Professional Products with more than 35 years of experience in the calcium carbonate industry working in management, R&D, market development and product placement joined us for a presentation.

Gudrun has always had her heart and hands in farm and garden soils.

The calcium needs of plants and the important role these calcium minerals play in soil improvement was discussed - she shared what she knows. She'll be returning on February 28th to share 20 lb. bags of garden pearls for members to take home and will also have Ph testing kits.



## Royalty

We will have Ms. Senior USA Caliatra Wright joining us for February membership meeting. She has graciously chosen the Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens as her charity organization for 2023. Come meet her and say hello!



## Garden Art

When you visit the Lilac Gardens, look for the new decorative houses around the garden. These were hand-crafted by Dave Dahl, brother of our garden/maintenance worker Dwight Dahl. The birdhouse barn is exceptional, so make sure to look for it as you near the back of the historic Hulda Klager Lilac Gardens barn. You'll see the other houses scattered around the gardens. In case you are wondering, they mostly sit in the flowerbeds and cover maintenance equipment. See you soon at the gardens!



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED for all areas of the Lilac Gardens**  
**We have openings for three-hour shifts, 10 - 1 and 1 - 4 from April 22 - May 14.**

We are once again at the time of the year to start preparing for our Lilac Days Garden and Gift sales. We have cultivated a nice assortment of lilac starts and plants and are excited to say there will be a larger number of plants for sale this year!

We will have our outdoor gift shop with a variety of merchandise. Already purchased are tee shirts, mugs, and candles. We will also be selling handmade items from our local vendors. Come visit and take something home from the garden and gift booth!

We **NEED VOLUNTEERS** for the plant sales area.

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If we can get volunteers for the Museum (1 person per shift) we will open that over the two - three persons needed for the house, the house would **then only be open on the days we have volunteers**. We still have Gate (Admissions) and Garden shifts open.

Thank you to those who have already responded.

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## Changes in the House and Barn

Beginning in mid-January some work parties were held to rearrange items in the house and barn. The "Glory Hole" off Hulda's bedroom was turned into a sewing room with other period items and Fritz's room was turned back into a "man's" bedroom and many of the historical photos on display in his room were moved to the Barn Museum. Many were reproduced on canvas and enlarged. Many thanks to those who helped with this project.



Fritz' bedroom



Hulda's Glory Hole



Martha's bedroom



## Elections 2023

In late fall, elections for 2023 were held by the membership for the Board of Directors' positions, the board met and voted on the officer positions which are as follows:

President- Patti Audette

Vice President- Judy Card

Secretary- Lori Comstock

Treasurer-Louise Moir; Assistant Treasurer Judy Kroon

Board members- Fran Northcut, Kirk Northcut, Dwight Trahin, Ruth Wendt.



## In Closing

We hope you'll join our volunteers in 2023 with your time, skills, and experience. We'll be calling and emailing you again with updates and news! We'd love to hear from you!

For the love of lilacs!

Mari Ripp, Executive Director

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# Membership Application

Hulda Klager Lilac Society  
Attn: Judy Card, Membership Chr.  
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Woodland, WA 98674

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State and Zip:  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you interested in volunteering:            Yes            No

Where are you interested in volunteering?    House            Gate            Garden

Plant Sales    Tours    Other

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address for meeting notifications and newsletter mailings

Please notify me at [jcard20983@aol.com](mailto:jcard20983@aol.com) for any address updates.

**A note about our Membership:** to those who purchase their membership prior to or during Lilac Days ***Your current year \$8 membership card allows your entry into the Gardens*** and with renewal following Lilac Days, the membership is designated for the following year.

Thank you to all of you who choose to support the Gardens with your membership. Please notify me of any changes of email address or mailing addresses.

Thank you, Judy Card, Membership Chr.

**2023 Hulda Klager Lilac Society  
Board of Directors and Committee Members**

President:	Patti Audette	360-263-4612
Vice-President:	Judy Card	360-314-6067
Secretary:	Lori Comstock	
Treasurer:	Louise Moir	360-225-7002,
Asst. Treasurer:	Judy Kroon	360-225-7770
Executive Director Mari Ripp		
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**Committees for Lilac Days**

Gate, House & Barn Museum:	Judy Card
Garden and Gift Shop Cashiers:	Louis Moir
Membership:	Judy Card
Publicity:	Mari Ripp
Quilt raffle	Patti Audette
Plant Sales helpers	All available
Members at Large: Ruth Wendt, Dwight Trahin, Kirk and Fran Northcut	

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