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Food for Thought

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It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you do want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!

~Mark Twain

Everything is blooming most recklessly; if it were voices instead of colors, there would be an unbelievable shrieking into the heart of the night.

~Rainer Maria Rilke, Letters of Rainer Maria Rilke

And Spring arose on the garden fair,
Like the Spirit of Love felt everywhere;
And each flower and herb on Earth's dark breast
rose from the dreams of its wintry rest.

~Percy Bysshe Shelley, "The Sensitive Plant"

The year's at the spring
And day's at the morn;
Morning's at seven;
The hillside's dew-pearled;
The lark's on the wing;
The snail's on the thorn;
God's in His heaven -
All's right with the world!

~Robert Browning

<http://wallmeta.com/spring-best-wallpaper-free/>

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From the President's Desk

Peggy Olin
OSFGC President

"Growing for the Future – Planting in Special Places"

Wildflowers

Wildflowers to behold,
In valley or mountains they unfold
Lifting their beauty to the sky and
Dancing, with the wind blowing by
Finding them in places rare, their
Lingering fills the air.
Over and over they will remain,
With God's help and sun and rain
Every petal and leaf, so perfect, so rare
Reminds us of God's tender, loving care
Scenic array of colors to see, all of these wildflowers
For you and me



by Evelyn Kennedy
from Wildflowers Expressions

As I'm writing this morning, it is dark outside and pouring rain and I'm thinking, "All this rain will help all our wildflowers grow that we are planting across the state, creating a Tapestry of Color across Oregon." It is a good way to think of a dark day of rain.

The Better Living Show happened the last weekend in March at the Portland Expo Center. OSFGC presented A Small Standard Flower Show titled "Be Seated." Six districts in the greater Portland area participated, filling up our space with designs, horticulture, and a membership information table, along with educational and club exhibits. Many club participants received ribbons for their entries. We also provided a craft table for members to assist anyone who wanted to make a wildflower seed ball to take home and plant. We are very thankful to all who participated.

In the last two years, I really have enjoyed reading **all** the club president's reports from **all** over the state. We should be very proud of ourselves for **all** we accomplished as individuals and as garden club members. We volunteered our time for fundraisers, street fairs, plant sales, garden tours, afternoon tea parties,

and bunko parties, **all** to support and benefit our community projects, student scholarships, and youth groups. We donated to Penny Pines, the President's Guatemala Water Project, the establishment of new Blue Star Markers, the Oregon Garden's Fifth Grade Program, Leach Botanical Gardens and the support of the Gardens of Enchantment. The list just keeps going on.

A number of our garden clubs had a lot of fun planning anniversary celebrations. OSFGC's club anniversaries ranged from 50 to 90 years old. How old is your club? And, is it time to celebrate?

I am looking forward to my trip to Louisville, Kentucky, for the 86th NGC Convention, held this year from May 14 to 17. I will be honored and proud to make my three minute report about OSFGC's wonderful accomplishments.

Rogue District is hosting this year's state convention June 15 to 17 in Coos Bay/North Bend at The Mill Casino. They have planned a fun-filled convention celebrating the southern Oregon coast as "Clean, Green and Pristine". Please see the details of our convention in this issue of *The Mahonia*.

Take care, Peggy

Executive Reports

2nd Vice-President — Protocol

Gaye Stewart

The Questions . . . The Answers

We sometimes hear people say, "But why should I join a garden club? What's in it for me?"

Our response is generally something like this:

- "You'll meet other people with a passion for gardening, attend meetings and hear knowledgeable speakers, and work on special club projects, like a plant sale."

Perhaps our response should be something like this:

- Our local club is community-minded and works in partnership to create beauty, raise funds for college student scholarships, develop and/or participate in educational programs, demonstrations and special field trips, *and*
- Provides leadership opportunities for committees, club projects, club officer roles, *and*

- You'll enjoy friendships with people who share your love of gardening, flowers and conserving the beauty of God's Earth for the next generation, *and*
- Each club is part of one of 15 districts in the state of Oregon, *and*
- The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., has over 2,700 members in 89 clubs which are united by a common purpose of creating a better world through gardening and related activities while addressing the targeted areas of AIR, WATER, FOREST, LAND and WILDLIFE (Conservation Pledge), *and*
- Oregon is one of 8 states, including Alaska, Arizona, California, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada and Washington, which makes up the Pacific Region which in turn is 1 of 8 Regions of the National Garden Clubs, Inc., *and*
- This framework of the National Garden Clubs is based on a plan of local Garden Clubs forming State Garden Clubs, like our OSFGC which, in turn, are united to form the National Garden Clubs, Inc., *and*
- By joining hands across America we have become the largest volunteer gardening organization in the World, with a membership of over 200,000 from 6,000 Clubs, unified to create a powerful voice and expansive network for advancing common interests, *and*
- Each member is connected with people, plants and programs that provide inspiration, information and valuable resources, and together we create a powerful international voice, *and*
- We collaborate on community service projects *such as*:
 - Water Projects for 3rd World Countries
 - Invasive Plants Education
 - Blue Star Markers (*since*1941)
 - Penny Pines with the U.S. Forest Service
 - Natural Disaster Funds
 - Habitat for Humanity
 - Therapy Healing Gardens
 - Breast Cancer Awareness – "Plant it Pink"
 - Educational Resources
 - Accredited Educational Courses
 - Standard Flower Shows designed to spread the Joy of Gardening
 - Scholarships to train our Young Leaders
 - Youth Projects about Gardening, *and*
 - Growing your Interests with Lifelong Friendships



<http://www.nipic.com/show/1/74/a51501c5fa7550ed.html>

Join a Garden Club Today - "Go & Grow!"

Klamath District

Tanja Swanson, Director

Please help Klamath District collect **laundry lids** for the district's *July Third Thursday project!* The kids love creating little flower arrangements in them! **Bring lids to the convention in June!**



Association of Northwest
Landscape Designers
www.anld.com

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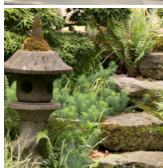
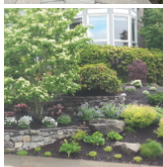
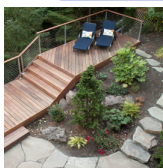
gardentour@ANLD.com

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11th annual ANLD Designers Garden Tour at a glance

8 Lush Gardens on Portland's West Side

One Day Only - Saturday, June 20th 2015 10a.m. - 4p.m.



WHAT: ANLD Designers 11th annual Garden Tour - View spectacular private gardens, meet local landscape designers, take in original art, gather ideas for your perennial pleasure.

WHERE: Lush west side gardens on display for self guided tours.
Map included.

WHEN: Saturday, June 20, 2015

HOURS: Start at any one of the eight gardens, open from 10a.m. - 4p.m.

FEATURES: Need new ideas for your own garden space? Stroll through profuse gardens for hot plant ideas, relaxing outdoor living spaces along with "green" resources and tips.

TICKETS: Only \$20 early bird online special through May 1st or \$25 at one of these fine garden centers: Al's Garden Center Sherwood, Cornell Farms, Garden Fever!, Portland Nursery, and The Gardener's Choice Garden Center or online at: www.anld.com

HOSTED BY:

The Association of Northwest Landscape Designers, a non-profit organization for professional landscape designers throughout Oregon and Washington. ***Proceeds from this benefit will raise funds for the ANLD scholarship fund for aspiring horticultural students.***

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OSFGC Convention 2015

Monday, June 15th through Wednesday, June 17th

Parliamentarian

Nancy Ebsen

Delegates to the OSFGC Convention

As per the OSFGC Bylaws, Article X Section 2:

(a) Member clubs shall be eligible for representation by two delegates, one of whom shall be the club president or the elected alternate. The club president is responsible for sending the names of elected delegates and alternates to the Credentials Committee as stipulated in “The Call”.

(b) If a member club does not have duly reported representation at the convention and members from the club are present, the District Director or representative may designate delegates from these members of the club.

On your **registration form** for the convention, found in this issue of *The Mahonia*, or on the OSFGC website, you will see a listing of identification for the Registrar:

- _____ Club President
- _____ Delegate
- _____ Alternate Delegate, etc.

Check the appropriate line on the registration form.

It is the responsibility of the alternate to be at convention in order for him/her to take the place of the delegate, should that person not be able to perform the duty of attending meetings and voting. By already having that designation on your registration, the Credentials Committee will be able to sign you in.

ALL DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES SHOULD CHECK IN WITH THE CREDENTIALS CHAIRMAN AT THE REGISTRATION DESK.

Hotel Information

The Mill Casino Hotel & RV Park

3201 Tremont Avenue

North Bend, OR 97459

Rooms are available now for booking at our special rate:

- Call 1-800-953-4800, The Mill Casino’s Hotel Reservation Center *before* June 1, 2015.
- Reservations may also be made on-line at

www.themillcasino.com. In the comments section type code OSFGC.

(cont. on next page)

- Inform the reservation agent that you are attending the OSFGC Convention.
- If you need a late check-in, tell Reservations at the time you book your stay.
- All rooms must be guaranteed with a major credit card to secure the room.
- Complimentary Valet Parking is available.
- Rates: All rooms are \$95 per night. Room Types:
 - Nonsmoking, Double Queen Bay View
 - Nonsmoking, Double Queen
 - Nonsmoking, Queen Bay View
- Check-in time is 4 p.m.; Check-out time is 12 p.m.
- Hotel room rates are subject to applicable state and local taxes. Hotel tax is 8%.

Guestrooms include a coffee pot, mini-refrigerator, iron, ironing board, hair dryer, television, complimentary wireless internet and parking.

NO Continental Breakfast is offered.

The Hotel does offer two areas to eat:

- Saw Blade Buffet – 7 am to 10 am
- Timbers Café- 6 am to 2 am
- Off the premises is the Pancake Mill, .6 miles from Hotel.

When leaving the hotel, turn right at the traffic signal, onto Tremont St (Hwy 101 S) then travel .6 miles to restaurant. Restaurant opens at 6 a. m.

Sales Room Donations!

Please donate generously this year to the **Sales Room** with items that sell, such as: *Books, Ceramic Pots, Baskets, Design Items, Jewelry, Garden Tools, Garden Items, etc.* Remember, if you like it, others will too.

Bring your items to the Sales Room at the State Convention in Coos Bay and we will place them on the tables for you. Thank you for your help. We can't do it without you.

Nancy Weinberg
Sales Room, Chair

Remember: No matter where you go, there you are!

Tentative OSFGC Convention Schedule June 15~17, 2015

Registration:

M 10 am to 6 pm; T/W 8 to 9 am, 11 am to noon, 5:30 to 6 pm

Monday, June 15

- 9 Begin set up
State Chairman Exhibits, 2nd Floor reception Foyer
- 10 Registration, 2nd Floor Reception Foyer
- 10 Photography Contest, setup Karen & Paul Ramsey
Wish to Win & Raffle Gifts, Salmon Room West, by main Lobby
- 10:30 Executive Committee Meeting, Hotel Room 147
- 1:30 Judges Council Meeting, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 2:45 Treasurer Karen Brown, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 4 Board of Directors Meeting, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 6:30 LIFE MEMBERSHIP BANQUET, Salmon Room West, by main
Lobby; Honoring Life Membership; Memorial Service
- 8 Entertainment

Tuesday, June 16

- 9 Opening Ceremony, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 9:45 Business Meeting, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 11 Opening of Boutique Mall, 2nd Floor Hazel Rm
- Noon CONSERVATION & HORTICULTURE AWARDS LUNCHEON
Salmon Room West;
Program: Kalmiopsis Audubon Society, Ann Vileisis
- 2 Resume Business Meeting, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 6 Meet and Greet Reception NCG President Sandra Robinson
Salmon Room West
- 6 BANQUET, Salmon Room West
- 8 Designer Kirk Johnson, Horticulture/Speaker; Entertainment

Wednesday, June 17

- 7:30 Advisory Council Breakfast (*Former State President's*) Hotel Rm 147
- 9 Reconvene Business Meeting, 2nd Floor Beargrass/Willow Rm
- 11:45 Adjourn for Lunch
- Noon AWARDS LUNCH, Salmon Room West; NGC, Regional & OSFGC Awards
- 2-5 Tours
- 2-4:30 Workshop
- 5-5:30 Remove all Exhibits
- 6:30 INSTALLATION BANQUET, Salmon Room West
- 8:30 Final Business Meeting; Entertainment
- 9 Installation Reception

Thursday Morning June 18

- 8 New Board Breakfast Meeting, 2nd Floor Beargrass Rm

Registration Form page 1 of 2

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, hosted by Rogue District
88th Annual Convention — Mill Casino, North Bend, OR

Clean, Green and Pristine

June 15, 16, 17, 2015

Please print name as your badge should read:

Last Name _____ First _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ *Email _____

Club _____ District _____

*Registration confirmation via email, if provided.

***Full time package plan, postmarked by May 25th** \$190.00 _____

(includes reg. fee, 2 lunches, 3 dinners, workshops & exhibits)

Package plan postmarked May 26-29th \$200.00 _____

Part Time attendance:

One day registration (**plus meals as listed**) \$15.00 _____

Mon., June 15 ~ Life Membership Banquet 35.00 _____

Tues., June 16 ~ Awards Luncheon – Horticulture/Conservation 20.00 _____

Tues., June 16 ~ Banquet – Dry Sculptural Design 35.00 _____

Wed., June 17 ~ Awards Luncheon – NGC-PacRegion & OSFGC 20.00 _____

Wed., June 17 ~ Installation Banquet & Reception 35.00 _____

***Thurs. June 18 ~ 2015-2017 Board Meeting Breakfast** 13.00 _____

*Make check payable to **OSFGC CONVENTION 2015***

NO refunds after June 1, 2015

Mail CHECK and this completed FORM to:

Mary Nuss, P. O. Box 5615, Charleston, OR 97420-0624

Diet Restrictions, medical only: _____

(We will contact you with the meal menu so you can indicate needs)

****Note: If you intend to be at this meeting, please include the fee in your total:***

New Board Breakfast Meeting , Th 6/18, 8 am\$13.00

Registration Form page 2 of 2

Oregon's Bay Area is calling out to all of you avid garden club members!! We're "Clean, Green and Pristine" on the beautiful southern Oregon coast. The convention will be educational, interesting and fun – providing informative speakers, a beautiful garden tour, plus many sights to see, great food and accommodations.



CREDENTIALS

Please mark all that apply:

- ☐ OSFGC OFFICER
 - ☐ District Director
 - ☐ Former State President
 - ☐ State Chairman
 - ☐ OSFGC Committee Member
 - ☐ Club President
 - ☐ Delegate
 - ☐ Alternate Delegate
 - ☐ Nat/Pacific Region Officer
 - ☐ First Time Attendee
 - ☐ Non-voting Member
 - ☐ Guest
 - ☐ Convention Volunteer
 - ☐ National Life Member
 - ☐ Pacific Region Life Member
 - ☐ Oregon State Life Member
 - ☐ Flower Show Judges
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TOURS

Wednesday, June 17th

Bus tour - The first fifty signed up for the Bus tour will meet in the Hotel lobby. You will visit Cranberry Sweets, Chuck's Seafood and Shore Acres State Park. Yes, sign me up _____.

Self-guided tours – In addition to the above locations, visit the Coos Historical and Maritime Museum, plus more sights. Maps and driving directions will be provided.

Visit OSFGC website
www.oregongardenclubs.org
for additional information



To reserve an **Exhibit** space, contact:
Lynn Chiotti: 503-397-0805
chiotti1@gmail.com

OSFGC 2015 Convention Tours – Sights to Visit

The OSFGC Convention of 2015 is offering you the opportunity to see part of the Oregon Coast's "Clean, Green and Pristine" environment. On June 17th, we're presenting something a bit different ... a bus tour and a self-guided tour.

Bus tour - The first fifty signed up for the bus tour will meet in the Hotel lobby. Along the way, you'll hear a narration of the Coos Bay history from yesteryear and visit Cranberry Sweets, Chuck's Seafood and Shore Acres State Park. Remember to sign-up on the Registration Form!

Self-guided tours – In addition to the locations listed above, visit the Coos Historical and Maritime Museum, plus more sights. Driving directions are listed on the reverse.



Cranberry Sweets and More produces over 150 original confections, including sea salt caramels, truffles, chocolates, tea cookies, brittles, toffee and jelly candy. They're dedicated to preserving the taste and identity of our country's regional specialty foods as well as providing their customers all the free samples possible. Directions to Cranberry Sweets & More: Turn left at the signal light when leaving the Mill Casino, which puts you on Hwy 101 South. At the next traffic signal, turn right at Newmark and travel 2.5 miles. Destination is on the left.



Chuck's Seafood is famous for the finest salmon, albacore tuna, crab, oysters and other fine seafood.

Known for their mouthwatering oyster sticks, smoked oysters, smoked tuna, crab and salmon. Directions to Chuck's Seafood: Turn left at the signal light when leaving the Mill Casino, which puts you on Hwy 101 South. At the next traffic signal, turn right at Newmark and travel 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Cape Arago Hwy and go approximately 7 miles. Chuck's is on right side of street, on the corner.



Sunset Bay State Park is administered by the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. It offers a crescent shaped beach, tide pools, hiking trails and a year-round campground.

Shore Acres State Park is an Oregon State Park located on Cape Arago Highway south of Coos Bay. The park features 5 acres of formal gardens including a rose-testing plot and Japanese lily pond. Directions to Shore Acres State Park: Turn left at the signal light when leaving the Mill Casino, which puts you on Hwy 101 South. At the next traffic signal, turn right at Newmark and travel 2.9 miles. Turn left onto Cape Arago Hwy and go approximately 9 miles to the park.



Simpson Reef and Shell Island are within **Oregon Islands National Wildlife Refuge**. The offshore rocks, islands and reefs provide breeding and resting areas for seabirds and marine mammals: seals, sea lions, gray whales and osprey birds.

Coos Historical and Maritime Museum – Exhibits will include pictures, artifacts, written word, and possibly interactive touch screens. The museum will be up and running by Memorial Day and there will be an admission fee. Stories told include those of survival and tough, gritty people of the Coos River men and the Coos Bay bar pilots. Directions to Coos Historical and Maritime Museum: Turn left at the signal light when leaving the Mill Casino, which puts you on Hwy 101 South. Travel through two signal lights and the museum is on the left, addressed at 1210 N. Bayshore Dr, Coos Bay.



There are several sights to see in the North Bend/Coos Bay area. Brochures or lists will be available.

Committee Reports

Book of Friendship

Linda Shamp, Chair

The following garden club members were given a Book of Friendship:

- Carlotta Lucas, *Ashland Garden Club*, Siskiyou District
- Cece Delfs, *Umatilla and Bloomer Girls Garden Clubs*, Blue Mountain District
- Jan Fitzko, *Multnomah Garden Club*, Portland District

Remember to get your Book of Friendship entries in before May 15, 2015.

Book of Remembrance 2014-2015

Sandra Riegler, Chair; Carol Moore, Chaplain
(Names entered as of April 10, 2015)

Clackamas District

Grace Ciuman
Lydia Dewitz
Jan Wong

Patti McCallig-Bates
Carolyn Carlton
Jan Fitzko
Dona Kepke
Enid Larsen
Alma Minnick
Pat Swonger

Mt Hood District

Harold Frisbie
Patty Miller

Santiam District

Bobbie Allen
Arda Earle
Alan Ede
Stephen J Hawkes
Virginia Langland
Ruby Ruth

Multnomah District

Arliss Rolph
Gary Simone

Pioneer District

Calla Bradstreet
Erma Bryson
Remi Joseph Cousens
John Cushman
Bonnie Eidem
Arlene Morrison
Sheryl Putnam

Siskiyou District

Pat Cutler
Natalie C Dickerson
Georgia Lind
Goldie M Ramsey
William (Bill) N Smith
Merle Wilson
Jane Wolgast

Portland District

Marian Allen

By Laws and Standing Rules

Lynn Chiotti, Chair

The following are changes, deletions and additions proposed for the By Laws and Standing Rules. *Please read them carefully.*

By Laws

ARTICLE V – DUES & FEES

Section 3 (b) Club and per capita dues shall be paid to the OSFGC Treasurer between July 1 and September 30 of that year. Additional dues for members not included in the original report may be remitted prior to March 31.

Proposed Change: Delete 31 and add 15

Final Version to read:

Section 3 (b) Club and per capita dues shall be paid to the OSFGC Treasurer between July 1 and September 30 of that year. Additional dues for members not included in the original report may be remitted prior to March 15.

Rationale: Because the deadline for dues to NGC are due March 31, the Treasurer would need the dues early enough to send them to NGC.

Section 3 (e) New members joining after January 1st and before April 30th shall pay dues of \$1.50 to the OSFGC Treasurer.

Proposed Change: Delete \$1.50 and insert new line to read “shall be half the current rate.”

Final Version to read:

Section 3 (e) Dues for new members joining on or after January 1st shall be half the current rate.

Rationale: Amount is consistent with our other dues fee.

Section 7 State Life Membership applications shall be mailed to that chairman along with a fee of \$50, which shall be credited to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund.

Proposed change: Add *plus \$5 for the pin.*

Final Version to read:

Section 7 State Life Membership applications shall be mailed to that chairman along with a fee of \$50 plus \$5 for the pin, which shall be credited to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund.

ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 2 (g) Furnish a satisfactory bond, at the expense of OSFGC, Inc. to cover a sum sufficient to protect OSFGC, Inc. from loss. The bond shall be not less than \$150,000 and the insurance to be handled by the Insurance Chairman in a timely manner.

Proposed change: Delete, remove completely

Rationale: The Insurance Chairman procures a policy that is appropriate to cover the President, Treasurer, and any other check signer. Neither of these officers is furnishing a bond.

Section 7 (j) Furnish a satisfactory bond, at the expense of OSFGC, to remain in force until final reports are accepted by the Board of Directors: and

Proposed change: Delete, remove completely.

Rationale: The Insurance Chairman procures a policy that is appropriate to cover The President, Treasurer, and any other check signer. Neither of these officers is furnishing a bond.

Add: New

Section 1 (c) Officers shall be covered by insurance in a sum sufficient to protect OSFGC, Inc. from financial loss, at the expense of OSFGC, Inc., to be secured by the Insurance Chairman at the beginning of each term.

Section 7 (g) Have accounts audited by an accountant at the close of each biennium (end of term) at the expense of OSFGC, unless otherwise ordered by the Board of Directors:

Proposed change: Delete, remove completely

Insert: New

Section 7 (g) Review the accounts at the close of each biennium by the members of the Board of Directors, unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Committee. Any request for a review of the financial records must be given in writing a minimum of 5 (five) days before the requested review to allow time for the records to be copied. Refer to ORS.65.774

Rationale: For many years this is how it has been done. The treasurer feels it would be very expensive to have an accountant do a full audit. The accountant prepares the necessary tax forms reviewing as much as necessary to do so.

Add: New

Section 8 (e) Be a member of the By-laws Committee.

Rationale: The Parliamentarian is already a member of this

committee and should always be consulted on guidelines as written in Roberts Rules of Order.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 2 Meetings The Board of Directors shall meet three times each year. In an election year there shall be a post-convention meeting of the incoming Board of Directors for the purposes of (a) electing a nominating committee, (b) approving one of three signed written bids for the Directory Handbook printing secured by the corresponding secretary, (c) ratifying standing and special chairmen, and (d) acting on such other immediate necessary business. The time of this meeting will be given in the convention call.

Proposed change: Delete (a) electing a nominating committee, (b) approving one of three signed written bids for the Directory Handbook printing secured by the corresponding Secretary, (c) ratifying standing and special chairman and (d)

Final Version to read:

The Board of Directors shall meet three times each year. In an election year there shall be a post-convention meeting of the incoming Board of Directors for the purpose of acting on immediate necessary business. The time of this meeting will be given in the convention call.

Rationale: Our Bylaws include information that is too specific. All of the items listed above should be in the Policy and Procedure Manual. We do have a Handbook Editor and that person secures the bids at this point, not the Corresponding Secretary.

Standing Rules

5. Rule is correct.

Add: Complimentary copies shall be sent to the president of each club and past OSFGC Presidents. *Passed 10-11-2010; Accidentally omitted in Directory*

Final Version to read:

A copy shall be e-mailed to each District Director, who will send it to each club President. Complimentary copies shall be sent to the president of each club and former OSFGC Presidents.

Passed 10-11-2010; Note: It will be the responsibility of the President to send it to each of their members.

6. Regional Director The Treasurer shall be empowered to pay annual allowance for expenses as follows:

Add: ...to be valid when an OSFGC member is in the office as Pacific Regional Director

(a) \$30 per allowed delegate from the general fund to the Pacific Region Treasurer.

(b) \$500 for travel when Regional Director from Oregon - \$250 in July and \$250 in January, plus package plan for NGC Convention.

Suggested change:

(b) Travel for Regional Director of \$500 (\$250 in July and \$250 in January); plus package plan for NGC Convention.

(c) The Treasurer shall put \$50 in Regional Savings each year from the general fund.

Final Version to read:

6. Regional Director The Treasurer shall be empowered to pay annual allowance for expenses to be valid when an OSFGC member is in the office as Pacific Regional Director as follows:

(a) \$30 per allowed delegate from the general fund to the Pacific Region Treasurer.

(b) Travel for Regional Director of \$500 (\$250 in July and \$250 in January); plus package plan for NGC Convention.

(c) The Treasurer shall put \$50 in Regional Savings each year from the general fund.

7. Rule is correct,

The following changes are suggested:

(i) (One nights lodging) *if needed.*

(j) (One member of the family) *or an accompanied guest.*

Forget-Me-Not

As my term as President comes to an end, I would like to say "Thank You" to all of the wonderful ladies in Sunny Hills Garden Club, Clackamas District. We've accomplished a lot; we've had some fun times; and you've helped me become a better person. It's been my pleasure to represent all of you for the past two years.

Sincerely, Carolyn Olley

Flower Show School

Garnet Ascher, Chair

Course #3

sponsored by Portland Judges Council

September 29 and 30, 2015

Testing: October 1, 2015

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

3405 SW Alice St

Portland, Or 97219

Cost

Course #3: Testing and/or Refreshing\$105

1 day only: Horticulture or Design, No testing.....\$50

Daily lunch and snacks included are courtesy of

Multnomah Garden Club (*Peggy Olin and Nancy Ebsen*)

Instructors:

- **Marva Lee Peterschick**
Flower Show Procedure/Horticulture: Container-grown
Foliage, Zinnias, FS Procedure
- **Mary Lou Waitz**
Design: Creative Design, Abstractions, Featured Objects,
Accessories

Where to stay:

Aladdin Inns & Suites

(4 blocks from church)

room with single bed \$71.95, room with 2 beds \$69; plus taxes

Hospitality Inn & Suites

(.5 miles from church, larger breakfast)

room with single bed \$71.95, room with 2 beds \$80.95; plus taxes

Remember it is less expensive to share rooms... find a roommate!

Registration flyer is in creation stage!

Contact Phyllis Olson, FSS Registrar at:

bloomsgreens@gmail.com, 541-467-2601

Advisor: Char Mutschler

FSS Chairman: Garnet Ascher

FSS Registration Chairman: Phyllis Olson

Credentials: Suzy Twist-Powell

Gardener of the Year

Char Mutschler, Chair



It's time to spruce up the garden or begin community garden plantings. This provides an opportunity to highlight OSFGC members who are the "Gardeners" in our organization. We want to commend our gardeners for growing and showing the beautification of plants and plantings.

For the last three years, "Gardener of the Year" awards have been offered with awards given at state convention. This program is open and these awards are to be given in 2015. First prize is \$25 donated by Garnet Ascher. Second, third, fourth and even fifth place will be given a certificate from OSFGC and possibly a gift. Last year I donated small silver and crystal pieces from my rose winnings collection.

What needs to be done to enter this award program?

- A member of OSFGC is selected (by an individual, district or club) who shows good gardening practices and improvements to a large or small area.
- Photos are taken and a typewritten script is developed that will be displayed in a portfolio at the state convention. The script is written about the gardener's work developing a garden of any kind from soil preparation to harvest, bloom or maturity. It can also include activities of seasonal maintenance throughout the year. The portfolio can depict a person's efforts in a home garden, a community garden, a junior garden, or planting horticulture projects in a city landscape.
- Each portfolio is sent to this chairperson with a written script about the person featured and presented in 5 to 8 pages, 8 1/2 x 11 size. Illustrations and photos with captions should be included with the script.
- Materials should be contained in a folder and have a cover for presentation. The outside of the folder or cover should be labeled with pertinent information such as the applicant's name, garden club, district, city, address.

Send all materials to:

Char Mutschler

280 Alice Avenue, S.

Salem, OR 97302

Deadline: May 1

Any questions or information can be requested by calling me at 503-585-5023, or by email: charfloral@comcast.net

The Mahonia

Pat Fifer, Editor

Your new editor for the next term is Tanja Swanson, current district director for Klamath. The email address for *The Mahonia* will remain the same: mahonia.editor@gmail.com.

The new board will consider possibly providing *The Mahonia* for no charge - FREE - to ALL members via the OSFGC website and from district directors as well as club presidents for distribution to their members. For those who wish to receive a black and white paper copy, a subscription fee, to be determined by the new executive committee, will be presented to the board on June 18, 2015. If you have an opinion, please let your leadership know.

Oregon Roadside Council

Nan Jean Roller, Chair

The Oregon Roadside Council, founded in 1932 by Mrs. M. Honeyman who served as the organization's first president, is 83 years old and still beautifying Oregon. The commitment remains the same: to maintain an organization for individual and group effort for the preservation and conservation of Oregon's great asset, her scenic beauty. The following lists the organizations that benefitted from funds provided this year:

- In March 2014, Oakridge Garden Club received a grant to place five planters in an area known as "uptown Oakridge" along with a few others for the west end of town.
- Two grants were given to Portland State University's Rae Selling Berry Seed Bank & Conservation Program.
- Scenic America was given a grant that provides a means for keeping the lines of communication open with our elected officials and the state agencies involved with billboard legislation and regulations.
- St. Helens Garden Club received a grant to help establish a memorial park located at Hwy 30 and Columbia City honoring the six branches of the military.

(pictured l-r, Tom Berquam, Marcie Parrett, Nell Harrison, with President Stan Chiotti, foreground, sowing wildflower seeds purchased by ORC, see last item below)

- The Gordon House was granted funds for signage in the entryway garden, planted by OSFGC and ORC and their members.



This signage offers a way to keep our mission of education, conservation, and environment in the public eye.

- Klamath Tree League and Klamath District Garden Club received a grant to plant trees and purchase Treegator watering bags.
- Clackamas District was granted a check this last month for the district to purchase plant identification markers and gardening tools for the Wilderness International Youth Conservation Corps. They were also given funds for starter herbs for the Campbell Community Garden and bark chips for Sunny Hills Garden Club youth gardening program at Christ the Vine Church.
- ORC also contributed to the purchase of the wildflower seeds for the commemorating of the 50th anniversary of Lady Bird Johnson Highway Beautification Act of 1965.

The ORC will continue to give grants for worthy projects. We thank all of you who apply for grants and give support with your donations.

Photo Contest

Karen Ramsey, Chair

Just a reminder that your local garden club photo contest should be held to choose your club's first place photos in each of the ten categories. The club winners should then be forwarded to your district for your district's top choices in each category. Those photos should be taken to the OSFGC State Convention held at the Mill Casino Convention Center June 15-17.



A few important rules to remember:

- Only one first place entry in each category should be submitted for judging at the state contest from each district.
- This means there are only 10 first place district photos (5 from the color category and 5 from the black and white category) that can be submitted.
- The state has a total possibility of 150 entries; 10 photos from 15 districts.
- Photos must be 8x10 inches and matted not to exceed an overall size of 11x14 inches.
- Photos should have been taken between January 1, 2014 and April 1, 2015.

Stands will be provided at the state convention so only the matted photos should be submitted.

Photos that win at the state convention should have a digital file that can be used to display on the OSFGC website.

We had over 70 photos last year and are looking forward to even more this year. The display should be one that will be enjoyed by all.

McMinnville GC, Pioneer District **Judy Eggers, President**

McMinnville Garden Club's 15th Annual Tour and Faire

Theme **"Gardens are Treasures"**

Sunday, June 28, 2015

Tour 10 am to 4 pm Faire 9 am to 4 pm

Contact information

Web site: <http://www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org/>

E-mail: macgardenclub@gmail.com

Phone: **503-883-9741** or **503-538-9197**



McMinnville was named by Parade Magazine as the Best Main Street in the west. This is your chance to explore our main street with its historic architecture and wine tasting rooms and visit five beautiful private gardens as well. The McMinnville Garden Club's 15th annual Garden Tour and Faire will take place June 28. Bring your cameras and notepads to the gardens so you can document the artwork and unusual plants you will find. Tour hours are 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10

and will be available in May. Check www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org for more information or find us on Facebook.

You will also enjoy shopping at the Garden Faire while you are downtown. Over 50 vendors will offer a wide variety of unusual plants, unique artwork, and hardscape. The Garden Faire at Third & Cowls Streets is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

Proceeds benefit community garden projects and help fund horticultural scholarships for deserving students.

Clackamas

Dolores Smith and Darby Walker, Co-Directors

As our term is ending, we would like to thank all of the Clackamas District members for their participation, enthusiasm and contributions, so that we were able to fulfill our theme: FUN, FELLOWSHIP and FUTURE.

FUN: Each of our district meetings and luncheons had a theme. First, a luau complete with a speaker talking about orchids. Sandy Garden Club president John Ludi even provided us with grass skirts to wear. Thank goodness he didn't ask us to do the hula! Spring 2014 had us all going to a Garden Tea Party, complete with fancy tea pots and cups and a speaker discussing lavender. During our 2014 Fall meeting, we learned all about the bee population while dressing in something yellow and/or black. We also tried, for the first time, a buffet which was so well received that we repeated it for our spring meeting. The theme for our final meeting was "Spring into Action" with a speaker from Soil Solutions. Many members wore gardening attire. All meetings were well received, but the Garden Tea Party surpassed the others with 123 members registered.

FELLOWSHIP: Our term was a multitude of "firsts". The leadership of and process for the Ways and Means Table was changed. Instead of one club being responsible for the sale and raffle tables the entire two years, each club took their turn at working either of the tables. This was an enormous undertaking which was led by Peggy Wyatt, Ways and Means Chair. We raised \$2500 in two years due to the generous donations from our clubs, members, Al's Garden Center and Home Depot in Oregon City, who donated two garden carts and a patio fire pit. Another first, we reduced our business meeting time in order for a 30 minute break for the members to socialize or visit the sales table. Still another first, we eliminated the head table and seated our guests, officers, and speakers among our members so that they could all become better acquainted.

FUTURE: This is where we feel we can pat ourselves on the back and say "job well done!" We decided at the beginning of our term that we would have a community service project at each meeting. Our members contributed to the future of the following

by personally contributing or by approval of monetary funds:

- Green Corp, Fresh Start: *a bee hive and bulbs*
- Clackamas Community College: *food for their student food bank*
- Wilderness International: *plant ID stakes, garden tools and rain gear*
- Campbell Community Gardens: *herb starts and reference books*
- Christ the Vine Church Youth Garden Club: *chips for pathways*
- Penny Pines: *donations for new seedlings*

A **Big Thank You** to *Oregon Roadside Council* and *Salem Garden Club Education Fund* for helping us with grants to make many of our community service projects possible.

Other projects that were completed included:

- our Policy & Procedures protocol
- a Blue Star Marker brochure
- three new Blue Star Markers were dedicated in beautiful ceremonies by the Estacada, Milwaukie, and West Linn Garden Clubs.
- a lengthy and informative article was written about the district by The Clackamas Review
- a new website as a resource for our district's clubs
www.clackamasgardenclubs.org

Whew! It was a very busy and challenging term, but sooooo rewarding.



District Co-Directors Darby Walker and Dolores Smith were proud to present to Bethany Wray, Education Program Director of Wilderness International, plant identification markers for



the native habitat garden at Meldrum Bar, along with garden tools and rain gear. Wilderness International is a program that supports youth work crews from Clackamas County Juvenile Department's Project Payback. The youth have been removing invasive species, spreading mulch, building nature trails and planting native plants at Meldrum Bar Park and Mary S. Young Park.

Mt Hood

Norma Curtis, Director



Mt Hood District held an International Tea on February 10 of this year. Fourteen tea tables were set in world country themes that included artifacts and regional food for sampling. The tea party was deliciously planned and presented by Joann Gage, Jill McBee and Margaret Taylor. Forty-seven ladies and one gentleman attended. We had visitors from the Odell, Parkdale and Hood River areas. Everyone enjoyed our tea along with the information we learned on how different countries drink and process the tea leaves.

Bunco Blooms in the Hood

Big Bunco Party

Please join us for a Big Bunco Party hosted by Mt Hood District Garden Clubs.

- **May 30, 2015**
- Raffle Prizes, Silent Auction, Money Prizes, Most Buncos...\$20, 1st Place... \$15, 2nd Place... \$10, Most Losses... \$7, Traveling Slug... \$20 (3 Twos)

Hood River Fair Community Building

3020 Wy'East Road
Hood River, Or 97031

Admission is \$15

Light lunch served at 11:30 am

Prepay by sending your check to:

Trish Paige
6750 Hess Road
Mt Hood, Or 97041

Deadline May 15, 2015

For questions, contact:

Norma Curtis, District Director
541-386-6635
nlcurtis@hrecn.net

Pacific Region News

excerpt from WACONIAH, February 2015:

<http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/waconiah.htm>

How Healthy Is Your Local Garden Club?

By Juanita Peterson, Public Relations/Publicity Chair

Grow New Ideas! — And what does that have to do with PR?

Public Relations begins from within. To be a healthy garden club working in your community doing public service and creating good will, you must have a vital core. To remain vibrant, you must be relevant. To be relevant, you have to evolve.

- Does your local garden club have a wide cross section of **community projects**? Are your members actively and enthusiastically involved in those projects?
- What projects **generate** the most **participation**? Are they long-term **projects**? Do you regularly introduce new ones? How do you assess the needs of your community to determine where/how your garden club can meet those needs?
- What type of **speaker** brings the most members to your regular meetings? How do you gain input from your members to suggest speakers/topics? How do you advertise your meetings to the public to let them know you **welcome visitors**?
- Is your club made up of **long-time members** with many years of gardening experience or do you have several **new members**, who have perhaps just retired or moved to your area and want to meet friends and learn about their new environment?

Learning what grows in our gardens is at the core of an interesting, sustainable garden. It is so with our garden clubs as well. Make it easy for both long-time and new members to thrive by offering a variety of projects and program topics.

Our local club learned from a recent membership survey that most people join us to meet new friends who are also interested in gardening. They remain because they like our program topics and community service projects.

Ensure that your individual members have a voice in your club's decisions by offering them a variety of methods to give input and contribute to their club and community.

If you provide a milieu that encourages new ideas and a wide variety of programs, projects, and fun social/work events, you can keep your membership vital. And if your members develop camaraderie by learning and doing community service together, their obvious enjoyment will attract new members to continually revitalize your ranks.

To remain vibrant you must be relevant. And to be relevant, you need to evolve to meet the needs of your members first. Members are the impetus and the core of a healthy community service oriented garden club.

National News

excerpt from NGC website:

<http://nationalgardenclubs.org>

Eco Warriors!

Making a World of Difference and Helping to Save the Environment!

Open new doors for in-depth creative learning and educational opportunities centered on the natural resources of planet earth: our air, water, forest, land and wildlife. Education is the key to making responsible decisions for today and tomorrow. Educated citizens are responsible stewards, who then are able to make wise choices for conserving and protecting our planet earth and its natural resources.

Become an Ecology Warrior!

The Environmental Concerns and Conservation Committee of National Garden Clubs, Inc. invites you to become an Ecology Warrior as you investigate and study the contents of our Ecology Warriors Workbook.

Make a World of Difference

Remember, you can Make a World of Difference through the choices you make for the conservation and preservation of our natural resources. It's just a matter of what kind of difference you want to make. Choices matter!

Download the Ecology Warriors Workbook

<http://nationalgardenclubs.org/resources/ngc-ecology-warriors-workbook-101614.pdf>

National Garden Club Recognizes Youth Group

Carolyn Olley, President, Sunny Hills Garden Club, Clackamas District, presented Marta Morris, Director, Christ The Vine Preschool, with a blue ribbon certificate and \$100 from the National Garden Club Inc., for winning



first place in the 2014 Children's Garden Competition. Saundra Rassi received three birdhouses to for her leadership in the youth gardening program, which is part of the curriculum for the school's students.

From l to r, Carolyn Olley, Saundra Rassi, and Marta Morris

Directory Handbook



Corrections, Updates and Additions

None noted.

Calendar of Events

2015

May 15-18	86th Annual NGC Convention, Louisville, Kentucky
June 7-13	National Garden Week
June 15-17	88th Annual OSFGC Convention, The Mill Casino, Coos Bay, Oregon
Sept 29-30	Flower Show School #3 Portland

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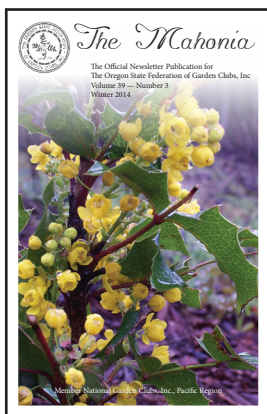
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