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Winning Tips

What works in your Garden, Club, District?

A column for all to share something proven to be a garden-related winner. It could be a tool, how-to, or recipe.

Coffee Grounds Uses

- plant fertilizer
- absorbs food odors in the refrigerator
- pest repellent
- dog flea bath
- exfoliate

We often throw our coffee grounds away right after we've poured our coffee, but there are in fact many other uses for them.

They can be added to your dog's shampoo to create a natural flea repellent or even used as a skin exfoliate.

Color Key

While geraniums (*Pelargonium* spp. and hybrids) are in bloom, pluck a few petals from each plant and head to the hardware store. Find a paint color swatch to match each flower's hue. When you overwinter your plants, store the swatch with its matching plant so you can plan next year's combos before blooms appear.

Seed Planting Tip

Empty rinds of grapefruits, lemons, limes and oranges make excellent little starter pots. You can transplant the rinds directly into the garden soil. This also works for cardboard egg cartons.

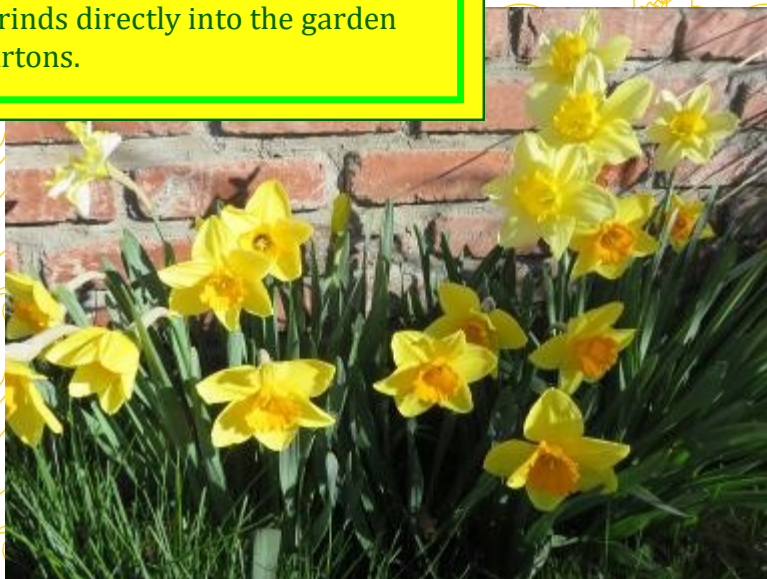
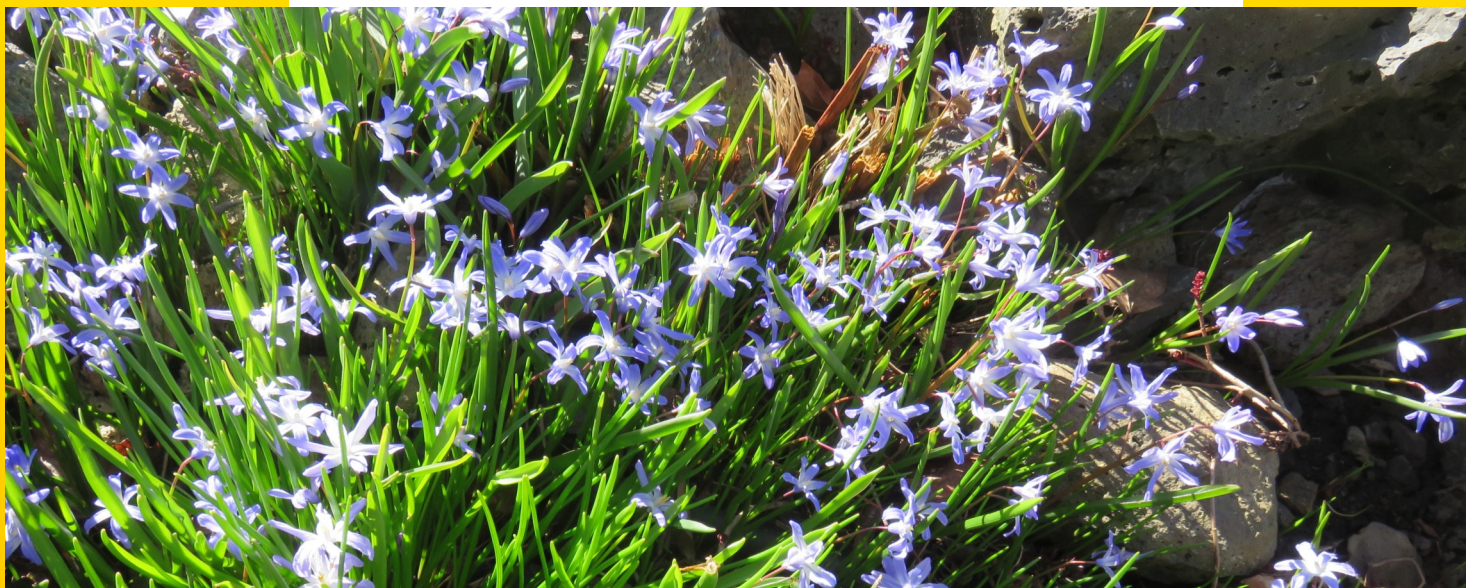
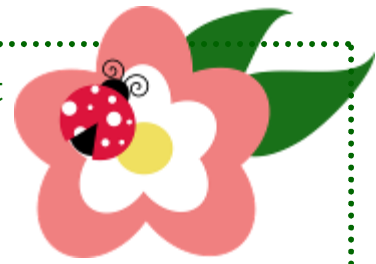


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From the President's Desk Shirley Schmidt OSFGC President 2015-2017



"Nurture Nature – Nurture Friendships"

Motivational speaker John Dryden says, "We first make our habits, and then our habits make us." We are all creatures of habit and if you make good habits, good habits will make you. This wisdom has been around since ancient times. Aristotle once said, "We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, then, is not an act but a habit." Let's continue to strive for excellence in all our Garden Club activities.

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Thank you for allowing me to represent Oregon at National Conventions and Board Meetings. In addition to meeting members from around the world, literally, it has taught me more about parliamentary procedure, as well as educating me about the many projects related to the organization.

Something that was presented at the NGC Fall Board was *The power of Citizen Science*. **Citizen Science** is the involvement of the public in scientific research – whether community-driven research or global investigations. The Citizen Science Association unites expertise from educators, scientists, data managers, and others to power citizen science. Join us, and help speed innovation by sharing insights across disciplines. Check it out: citizenscience.org

It pleases this president so much that our members are incorporating "Nurture Friendships" into the Club and District planning:

- Planning and preparing Club projects (working side by side)
- Group "Coffees" or "Teas" outside of Club meeting with NO business
- Senior Center as well as Youth hands-on projects
- even a Nerd Night (ask Willamette about that one)

New challenge:

"Plant it Pink" is a National Project. Thanks to the Santiam District who assisted this President with making this come to pass.

Gracing our tables at our recent Board Meeting were the beautiful "Royal" Geraniums. They are pink to plant in our gardens to honor the several members in our organization who are considered to be survivors or who are currently being treated for breast cancer.

Each Board member received one to take, plant, and be reminded of our friendships in OSFGC.

It is my honor to serve you in the many aspects of OSFGC. Let's promise to complete this last quarter with outstanding SUCCESS.

Planning to see you all in Ashland in June at the State Convention.



Executive Reports

President Elect *Gaye Stewart* 503-510-4370



What a great and busy six months this has been for me in my role as your 1st Vice President.

- October, and even into November, was filled with interesting District meetings, some of which required going the day before so I would be on time for the meeting. For example, I enjoyed traveling to the Blue Mountain District to visit Bertha Keith's group. They had a flower design contest, a Country Store filled with great items, a delightful meeting with an excellent speaker and a delicious potluck luncheon. Districts are so creative in how you do "your business," and that is fun to see. Thank you, District Directors. We have been blessed by your welcoming hospitality.
- Several Clubs have invited me to come talk about re-kindling Club membership. Those meetings were an opportunity to visit with good people anxious to strengthen their Clubs with new ideas, energy and enthusiasm. I always learn as much from them as they learn from me so that just gives me more ideas to share with the next Club I visit.
- I visited a Granddaughter in Nashville, Tennessee and we drove by a beautiful park with a Blue Star Memorial Marker. That touched my heart to see it there, far from my home state of Oregon, and know we are making a difference as an organization!
- Since January, as President-Elect, my mind has been juggling many "To-Do" lists as I prepare to become your President for 2017-2019. I think I may need to buy another bookshelf to hold my ever-growing number of project notebooks that seem to sprout-up overnight. I'm thinking it might be helpful to color-code them...perhaps Green for Oregon, Blue for Pacific Region and Gold for the National Garden Club! And maybe a Red one with all the really important stuff and a "go-to" list of people to contact when I get a question or situation not covered in one of the other notebooks. It is a little scary, but it's fun!

Thank you all for sharing your wisdom with me and for patiently answering my many questions. I appreciate it greatly.



Protocol

In the newest edition of the Protocol handbook (February 2016) it says: “We like to think of Protocol as basically good manners, good order, and graciousness, which is essential in the plans and procedure of any meeting.”

So “manners and graciousness” - We have a fantastic new member in our club. She is from the South and she is very polite! Now I was very surprised that when I told her that she should become a member of our club, she answered that she hadn’t been invited. Of course I told her right away “Well consider yourself invited!”

And she did become a member. Later I overheard her talking to another new member that she was so impressed in how welcoming we were. “In the South you do have to be invited” she said “and if you ask they will vote on it” and this great person was rejected!

Now the only thing I can think of is that those clubs weren’t part of NGC. (There is another National Club.)

But as Protocol Chair I would think that part of being gracious is making new members feel welcome!

Parliamentarian

*Nancy Ebsen**503-650-7280*

Since convention, I have had several requests for assistance, attended the Fall Board Meeting in Clackamas and attended several District Meetings.

We are still missing Policy & Procedures from Blue Mountain, Mt. Hood, North Coast, Pacific, Santiam, and Willamette. Simply place on paper what you do, this need not be a large document. This helps when passing on instructions for the next officers.

Copies of District Bylaws are wished for from the following Districts: Capitol and North Coast. If you have no Bylaws and need help, please let me know.

It is the goal of this officer to have those items on record at the end of this biennium, June 2017.

Please remember, that your Bylaws should be reviewed every five years to be sure you are working within a framework that is livable and accurate as to what is currently in process. Your Policies and Procedures also need to reflect those changes.

I have also served as Chairman of the Bylaws Committee during this biennium.



2017 PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

Article V DUES AND FEES

Section 3 Annual Dues

(e) New members joining after January 1st and before April 30th shall pay dues of \$1.50 to the OSFGC Treasury at half the current rate.

REMOVE: and before April 30th

Should read: (e) New members joining after January 1st shall pay dues of \$1.50 to the OSFGC Treasury at half the current rate.

Rationale: This will make the ruling consistent with the one below and correct the Bylaw written incorrectly in the 2014-15 Directory. -Section 5 (b)

Section 5 – New Clubs

(b) If petition for membership is made after January 1st and before April 30th, it shall be accompanied by a \$10.00 club membership fee plus per capita dues at half the current rate.

REMOVE: and before April 30th

Should read: (b) If petition for membership is made after January 1st, it shall be accompanied by a \$10.00 club membership fee plus per capita dues at half the current rate.

Rationale: These two were suggested by Karen Brown with the consistency in place.

VI OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

Section 3

(e) Assume the title and duties of the President-Elect on January 1 of election year, provided no other name is submitted by the Nominating Committee for the office of President. As President –Elect, shall appoint committee chairmen, Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian; and

REMOVE: *provided no other name is submitted by the Nominating Committee for the office of President.*

Should read: (e) Assume the title and duties of the President-Elect on January 1 of election year. As President-Elect, shall appoint committee chairmen, Corresponding Secretary, and Parliamentarian; and

Rationale: Assuming another nomination is submitted and that person becomes OSFGC President, it is unfair for the President-Elect to not know his/her hard work and preparation is not valid. See Article VIII, Section 3

Section 4

NEW (d) May assume the position of First Vice President at the conclusion of term of the office of Second Vice President.

Rationale: This is assumed in the moving from Second VP towards being President. There are no guidelines for this situation in Roberts Rules of Order. It is completely up to the guidelines set by the organization.

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 the 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 the meeting will be given in the convention call.

REMOVE: *Corresponding Secretary* and **REPLACE WITH:** *Directory Editor*

Should 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 purposes of (a) electing a Nominating Committee (b) approving one of the three signed written bids for the Directory Handbook printing secured by the Directory Editor. (c) ratifying standing and special chairmen and (d) acting on such other immediate necessary business. The time of the meeting will be given in the convention call.

Rationale: This was incorrectly written in the handbook and the editor was not changed, as well.

Article VIII ELIGIBILITY OF OFFICERS

Section 2.

President. To be eligible for this office the member shall have (a) served as President of a garden club and/or as a district Director. (b) served on a District Board, and (c) served a minimum of four (4) years on the OSFGC Board of Directors, two (2) of which as an elected officer.

Section 3

First Vice President. To be eligible for this office the member shall have been (a) President of a garden club and/or District Director (b) served on a District Board, and (c) served a minimum of four (4) years OSFGC Board of Directors.

Section 4

Second Vice President. To be eligible for this office the member shall have (a) been President of a Garden Club and/or District Director, (b) served on a District Board, and (c) served a minimum of two (2) years on the OSFGC Board of Directors. This office shall be a training position.

REMOVE FROM EACH: /or

Each of the above three should read the same minus the /or.

Rationale: Section 3 and 4 are both training grounds and being a club President and a District Director are also training grounds. To allow those who are being trained to be in danger of being removed by another nomination is not wise. This is the normal way it has worked and should allow those who have served in the training process to move forward without worry. There are no guidelines in Roberts Rules of Order to address this matter.

Do Lady Bugs Sing?

Did you know that Lady Bugs sing? If you attended the Spring State Board meeting you would have heard Lady Bugs singing. What a treat as President Shirley conducted her Lady Bug quartet + four at our meet and greet dinner Sunday evening at Carino's restaurant in Albany. You all know how President Shirley likes to sing. She just brings out the song in all of us, doesn't she?



Sunday afternoon we had a workshop at Garland's Nursery with Lee Powell, one of the owners, who is a former Claire Hanley Scholarship recipient. President Shirley presented him with a President's Citation and Santiam District inducted him into the Book of Friendship.



Monday, we had a great turnout at the State Board meeting. We had visitors from ODOT with regard to the wildflowers and a surprise visit from Rex Ruckert, who has a company called Potent Grow, that manufactures organic fertilizer. Rex generously gifted us small bags and we could purchase a much larger tub if we wanted. The room was in bloom with a plethora of pink Geraniums as President Shirley talked about the "Plant It Pink Project." Thanks to all who attended, as this was the first time these District's officers hosted a State Board. Hope we made everyone happy. *Joli Root*



I felt so blessed as I walked into the meeting room. I could smell the aroma of the freshly brewed coffee and was greeted with bright smiles and warm hugs. As my eyes scanned the room I saw the colorful flower pots on each table, and the many spring colors. It was wonderful hearing all the busy chatter as people were oohing and aahing over the selection of wish-to-win prizes and buying their lucky tickets. The cookies and muffins were a delight, even after I had eaten breakfast. *Cheryl Drumheller*



Awarding a certificate to Shelley Snow spokeswoman for ODOT and Bob Marshall, who is Roadside Development and Erosion Control Program Leader for working with us with the Pollinator Project planting wildflowers along the highways. Also pictured: Former Presidents Marcia Kay Whitelock, Beverly Seibel and Nan Jean Roller, President Shirley Schmidt, Stan Chiotti, and Wildflower Chair Lynn Chiotti.



Survey

Thank you to all who filled out the Mahonia Survey.

The Mahonia is the only contact between the State Board and **all** the OSFGC members. It is important that the presidents forward the e-mail version to their members! Most members know that they can find the Mahonia on the OSFGC web-site.

The biggest concern about the Mahonia is that there are too many pages. Pictures are worth a thousand words! Should we tell the chair persons to keep their articles to 200 words, and refer to websites for more detailed information?

You can just print out the pages that are important and skip the picture pages. Also you can print in black and white and you only need one copy to share with those who don't have e-mail at your meeting.

In regards to the printed edition; it is a lot shorter than the e-mailed Mahonia. Right now 90 people pay. Just to get the bulk rate we need to send it to 200 people. We receive approximately \$600.00 per year and one edition is about \$500.00 to print and send. So with four editions that doesn't add up.

Thank you and Keep sending me feedback!

Tanja Swanson, Mahonia Editor.



Last fall, each District and Club was given a Red-Twig Dogwood to plant. Please share with us in a brief paragraph (and if possible, also photos) what you did with those. We will publish your stories in the Mahonia.

Above: Andy Swanson, Klamath District, plants the Red-Twig Dogwood at Marta's House, the crisis center where Northside Garden Club takes care of the yard.

They released 14 wolves in a park. No one was prepared for THIS.
What happens next is a miracle and proves
that we must take care of our amazing planet.

<https://weloveanimals.me/released-14-wolves-park-no-one-prepared-unbelievable-nature11/>

Committee Reports

Arboreal

Kathy Lombardo, Chair

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For the Love of Trees



The Deodar Cedar was planted in Jubilee Park,
as a Memorial for Jane Ulen, late 1980's.

As Illinois Valley Garden Club celebrates it's 90th Birthday, there will be a Community Day April 22, 2017, 1-3 p.m. for all ages in Jubilee Park, Cave Junction. One activity will be "Find That Tree", a scavenger hunt for trees around town that IVGC members were responsible for planting. Those trees, just for the day, will wear pink and green ribbons and have information of name of tree, who they were planted for, when planted; and an ID code. Children pre-school, high school, and four age groups, will be given color coded blank file cards to fill in before 3:00 p.m. Even toddlers can look for the trees, and learn that Nature plants trees, and so can people. Cards can be picked up as early as 12:00 on the day. The winners in each group can choose prizes—from small trees and other choices. There will be displays of various projects, games, a small plant sale and snacks for all.

Awards

Please remember to send your **nominations** for these awards to be presented at Convention:

“Member of Distinction” – Each District will honor a member who has been a member for 20-plus years and will donate \$20.00 to the Book of Friendship. (Send to State President Shirley Schmidt by April 15.)



“Suzy Twist-Powell Designer Award” (Send to Shirley Schmidt by May 1.)



“Gardener of the Year” (Send to Char Mutschler by May 31.)



Just a reminder to Club Presidents and District Directors regarding the **Walter and Marian Allen Membership Award** Certificate to be presented at the Annual State Convention in June, to the District with the largest percentage increase in membership for the current fiscal year. This percentage is determined by the State Treasurer who looks at paid membership data. If you have additional members who've joined since the fall dues deadline of September 30, and before March 15, and dues were remitted, those members will be counted in your District's growth increase. Thank you for building membership.

Gaye Stewart,
President-Elect & Membership Chair

New Blue Star Markers to be planted this year are: Pioneer – Cornelius on Memorial Day, Santiam- Lebanon on July 20, Siskiyou – no date as yet, and Clackamas – also no date as yet. If you are planning to plant a Blue Star Marker, please let me and your district chairman know as soon as possible, to get it on the schedule.

Each District should have a Blue Star Marker Chairman. I would like those names to be sent to me with an email and/or phone number, so that I may keep up a connection to them.

Repairs to very damaged Markers are in the works as soon as we can have at least 10 markers needing repair in the Northwest area. Pacific has had their Blue Star Marker refurbished.

Keep up the good work. We must all be pro-active in keeping care of the markers with we are entrusted.



Save the Date

Lebanon Garden Club has purchased their Blue Star Marker, and it has been delivered and planted at the Edward C. Allworth Veteran's home in Lebanon, a place where Honor lives. Dedication preparations are well on their way. The Veteran's home is a little over two years old and is the second Veteran's home in Oregon which houses 154 residents. It was filled to capacity soon after it was completed and has been meeting the needs of our Veteran's and their families. The much-anticipated dedication for the Blue Star Marker has been scheduled for Thursday, July 20, 2017. Projected meeting time is 11:00 a.m. The Veteran's home is located at 600 N 5th St., Lebanon, OR.

All Garden Club members are heartily invited to attend.



Container Gardening *Sally Thompson, Chair*

Container Gardening with Camellias

One of the most beautiful sights is a container with a healthy camellia shrub, in full bloom. The bloom colors range from white, pink or coral, to red. Also, many are variegated. They bloom during the cool season when other garden plants have yet to appear.

Camellias can thrive in containers, but their needs are more extensive than some other shrubs. As with most plants, camellias need well-drained soil. The soil needs to be high in humus and slightly acid; a pH of 5.5 to 6.5 is the perfect amount. Use a coarse peat moss, not fine, for potting. Acid type fertilizer can be applied after the first year.

After 2 years or so, you can pot up the plant if it has outgrown its first container. Re-pot again after another few years and then pot to its final container. This would be a good time to do some pruning of the root growth; trim just an inch or two.

The final container should be one that can be easily moved from one site to another. A roller type base is the perfect answer, as the camellia may have grown quite large by this time. As with many container grown plants, try to avoid exposure to direct sun and freezing windy conditions.

Enjoy the flowers and I'll see you at some of the Camellia Shows.



The Book of Friendship

Please remember Book of Friendship certificates when you are thanking people for the many ways they help Garden Clubs. The donation goes to a worthy cause...Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund... and comes with a lovely certificate thanking them.

Carolyn Elsten, Book of Friendship Co-Chair

TOGETHER we have given time and treasure to Oregon's Garden. We became a Founder during Jan Iseli's administration and the name of our Federation is engraved on the floor of the Garden House in the Silverton Market Garden area. During Ruth Berger's administration our Federation's name was placed on the Rhododendron Totem - due to the generosity of our members we raised \$10,600. You will see our name in other places as well.

Our members and others made it possible to forward annually \$1,000 for the Fifth Grade Environmental Program which touched the lives of several thousands of students and purchased items to assist with the goals and objectives of the program.

We have walked down the garden path to the gate and held our hearts in our hands when there seemed to be a possibility the gate would close and the dream of a world class garden would be lost. But ... we Oregonians are stronger than that and today we are headed in the right direction for a bright and exciting future.

We experienced this first hand when we met Mark Hunter at a Board Meeting during Shirley's administration. Mark is the Fund Development Director for the Oregon Garden Foundation which is a vehicle involving people from all walks of life in our communities and state. The current goal is to raise \$20,000 annually. These dollars will assist the **Horticultural Enhancement Program (HEF)** and become the "grounds" for keeping the garden financially healthy and provide stewardship for "Seeding the Future" which is the Foundation theme.

In 2017 there will be a campaign kick-off to raise \$750,000 for expanding the Garden. Unique to this expansion will be the concept of featuring conifer species native to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

An invitation was sent to your Chair to attend The Oregon Garden Annual Foundation meeting and luncheon Tuesday, February 14. It was held in the Education Building and we were reminded that during the school year more than 6,000 students were in this building during their trip to the garden! There was an opportunity to talk with several attendees who wanted to know more about our organization. I also visited with the new Director of the Frank Lloyd Wright-designed Gordon House.

As the meeting progressed, beautifully framed certificates were presented to some of the donors and the OSFGC received one of them. The Foundation Vice-Chair included special words of appreciation. So to all of you: Thank you for helping to keep the Garden gate open and for supporting our future generations through education. There is still more to be accomplished and the future is bright with promise. Lastly, thank you for allowing me to serve as The Oregon Chair for our Federation.



Thank you Marcia for all the work you have done for
the Oregon Garden On behalf of OSFGC.
A well deserved certificate!

Legislation

Lynn Chiotti, Chair

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As we progress through the 2017 Oregon State Legislative Session, it has become apparent that any hopes for creating a State Wildflower have become nil. It is not a high priority at all. If we hope to achieve any success, we need to begin now to formulate a draft concept to present in the September Legislative Days.

I suggest that we start this work now by researching to identify a specific wildflower that exemplifies Oregon. Think of a specific one you feel represents the true spirit of Oregon and be ready to present that flower to our Convention. I realize that some of you think the Oregon Grape *Mahonia latifolia* is already our state flower. But it is considered a native plant. How about the Trillium or *Trillium petiolatum*? If we start in June, we can easily have something ready by September to present to the appropriate committee.

Let's get something positive and then start work on our real target, the outdoor advertising industry. Personally, I am getting tired of the "green" message from the marijuana industry. After two years, seeing the proliferation of the message, it is time to bring it to a halt.

If you are interested, please let those on the Oregon Roadside Council and the existing Legislative group know and we can formulate our plans.



Oregon Roadside Council

For the past two years we have been involved in planting a Tapestry of Color across Oregon. We have met with moderate success, depending on the availability of water. Mother Nature has not been really kind to our efforts. This recent winter weather has not allowed wildflowers to germinate yet, and the perennials have kept their bodies bundled up like the rest of us.

This year we are suggesting a slightly new approach by creating a Pollinator Highway to include varieties planted on our roadsides including milkweed. By selecting specific drought resistant varieties, we should have higher success. Thanks to my connection with ODOT in Astoria, I have been able to locate a possible source for the Milkweed Seeds. I have sent ODOT a letter to see if there is a possibility of procuring a workable donation of seeds. They also have a seed collection for pollinators that can be planted in drought resistant locations.

Since these seed collections are expensive even for bulk, we need to know how many Districts will be participating as well as which Clubs in those districts will be planting. When we have the seeds re-packaged, we will mail them to those Districts for the Directors to get to their Clubs.

The Wildflower Project Committee has been asked to make a presentation to the governing body of ODOT in April about the project. It would be great to report on our successes and plans. So, if you have some good pictures of your previous plantings, please send them to me so we can have some large prints made to display for the Committee.

Lynn Chiotti, Coordinator of the Wildflower Project

Committee Members:

Stan Chiotti

Todd Kepple

Marcia Kay Whitelock

Nan Jean Roller

Bev Seibel

Peggy Olin

Recycling

Stan Chiotti, Chair

OSFGC Inc. State President Shirley Schmidt asked me, as the State Recycling Chairman, to get some information about recycling stores that support Habitat for Humanity throughout the State of Oregon. I put a list of them in each District Director's file folder. There are 29 Restores that would be happy to take your recyclable items and put them to good use. Share the locations of the stores in your Districts with your club members.

Do not forget to shop while you are there. Thank you.

Saw a great article in the Multnomah District news letter that really brings home the concept of recycling or lack there-of when it comes to putting things into our compost bins or land fills.

How long does it take to decompose:

Paper towel – 2-4 weeks
Banana peel – 3-4 weeks
Paper bag – 1 month
Newspaper – 1.5 months
Apple core – 2 months
Cardboard – 2 months
Cotton glove – 3 months
Orange peel – 6 months
Plywood – 1-3 years
Wool sock – 1-5 years
Milk carton – 5 years
Cigarette butt – 10-12 years
Tin can – 50 years
Aluminum can – 200-500 years
Plastic bottle – 450 years
Disposable diaper – 550 years
Plastic bags – 200-1000 years

Use your recycle bins wisely!!!

Let's get the word out!

We need more Poems and Essays

We need more Garden Clubs to sponsor the 2018 - 2019 Youth Contests

Youth Poetry Contest Themes:

2018 - "Let it Grow"

2019 - "Pop Goes the Seed"

High School Essay Contest Themes:

2018 - Community Gardens - A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger

2019 - Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply

Deadlines are December 1, 2017 and December 1, 2018
Check your Directory for more information.



Forget-Me-Not

*Thank you Santiam District,
for hosting
a wonderful
Spring Board Meeting!*

Tanja Swanson, 2nd Vice-President

State Directory Ads

Bruna McBride, Chair

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It is time again to be soliciting ads for the Directory for 2017-2019. You can go to the OSFGC website and under forms you will find 2 pages of the forms that you will need.

Many Clubs and Districts place an ad in the directory and if you are going to do so, please get it to me as soon as possible. Our deadline is July 15, 2017, but it certainly is easier if we get them sooner.

The inside and outside of the back cover are both already purchased. So you can sell a full page for \$85.00, 1/2 page for \$55.00 and 1/4 page for \$30.00. Our prices have remained the same for many years.

If you have any questions, feel free to call or e-mail me. All ads are sent electronically to Darla Bulmer darla.bulmer@gmail.com. Her phone # 541-570-8909.

Corresponding Secretary

Cheryl Drumheller

541-808-7371

In each District Director's folder, I put a Roster Format sheet, for the Directory Handbook 2017-2019 updates. It is the format the District Directors are to use when compiling their information for the handbook, gathered from their District Officers, Chair-people and Club Presidents. Following this format will make it easier for me to gather and proofread information.



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Youth

Carolyn Olley, Chair

Garden Clubs in Oregon have been busy with all kinds of wonderful activities. Some things included activities with youth. This year, Oregon had 12 seventh grade entries in the NGC Youth Sculpture Contest. We had 15 entries from eighth graders. Those entries were judged and first place winners sent off to Regional competition.

We had Youth Poetry entries at seventh and ninth grade levels, with winners sent to Regional.

Oregon also produced a Regional winner in the High School Essay contest. She is an 11th grade student sponsored by West Linn Garden Club. Her essay is being judged at National. I'm sure you'll join me in sending our congratulations, and wishing her the best of luck in the National competition.

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Posters brought in 30 posters from Oregon. Bernie Wood, our Chairman for those contests, received wonderful participation certificates from the Forest Service. All poster contest entrants will receive a certificate, thanks to Bernie's efforts.

This is a great lead-in to another youth "encouragement". I want to especially thank Karen Varty, our State Awards Chairman, for making Participation Awards for the entire group of youth contest participants. All students who entered any of the Youth Contests will be receiving a participation award...unless they won a first, second, third, or honorable mention award! Thank you Karen, we appreciate your help.

Just a reminder: I need "action" photos of events where youth were involved. I was asked to put together a tri-fold board for Regional Convention in April that shows what Oregon Garden Clubs have been doing to enrich our youth. I'll also use it to showcase our Clubs and their work at our State Convention in June. Please remember to include Club name, what kind of activity it was, and how many students were involved. Don't forget to have signed permission slips for each student so we can use their photos. The form is on the NGC website.

The year is not over yet! There are several weeks left before the kids are out for summer. If a Garden Club is interested in working with youth, even a one-time-only event, please do so, and take pictures... and send them to me!



Nice and Messy!
Peanut butter Pine Cone Bird feeders
Klamath District participated in the Winter Wings Festival February 18, 2017

"Siskiyou Sensations"



Southern Oregon is the place to be in June 2017 to experience many of our "Siskiyou Sensations". Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites is the site of the 90th OSFGC Convention providing great food and accommodations and an opportunity to meet old friends and make new friends during your stay. There will be sensational and informative programs, speakers, educational demonstrations, guided tours on Sunday, June 11th and local attractions to explore in your free time.

Consider coming early to enjoy all that there is to offer in Southern Oregon.
It's a beautiful part of our lovely state.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kathy Simmons
Convention Chair

* * * HOTEL INFORMATION * * *

Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites
2525 Ashland Street
Ashland, Oregon 97530

Rooms are available now. When booking reservations for special rate:

- Call 541-482-8310 or toll free 855-482-8310, for reservations, before **June 1, 2017**.
- When making your reservation, indicate that you are attending the OSFGC Convention.
- If you need a late check-in, tell reservation desk at the time you book your stay.

All rooms must be guaranteed with a major credit card, as well as a first night stay deposit. Individual reservations may be cancelled 72 hours in advance without penalty.

ROOM RATES: \$119 for King rooms, Queen-Queen Rooms, and Double-Double Suites; \$129 for King Suites & Premium King Rooms. This rate is exclusive of 10% tax for single and double occupancy; please add \$10 per each additional person. The Hotel will extend this discounted group rate to one day prior and one day following the convention.

With your stay at the Hotel guests receive a complimentary Continental Breakfast, fitness and business center access, hotel parking and Wi-Fi. Hotel amenities also include a seasonal outdoor pool and Jacuzzi, two tennis courts, as well as discounts to Waterstone Spa located downtown.

Check-in time is 4:00 p.m. and check-out time is 11:00 a.m. The Hotel will accommodate early arrivals based upon room availability. The Front Desk can store baggage for those arriving early.

Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites has a **non-smoking policy**. Guests smoking in their rooms are subject to at \$200.00 cleaning fee.

FOOD & BEVERAGE OUTSIDE OF HOTEL: All food and beverage will be provided by the Hotel and will be consumed within the time frame of the event. **In compliance with hotel and state policies, no food or beverage provided by the hotel can be taken out of the hotel.** The Hotel reserves the right to confiscate food or beverage that is brought into the Hotel in violation of this policy without prior arrangements with the Catering Department.

Delegates to the OSFGC Convention - IMPORTANT – PLEASE READ

Parliamentarian

Nancy Ebsen

As per the OSFGC Bylaws, Article IX, 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 by "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 for 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.

EXHIBIT SPACE RESERVATIONS

Contact Mary Heath, 541-772-0544

or Kathy Simmons, 541-592-6009

bobkat87@frontiernet.net

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NATURE'S GARDEN RESERVATIONS

Contact Sharon Wilson 541-747-8479

Sharonr.wilson@yahoo.com

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"THE MALL" - DONATIONS!

Please donate generously to the "**The Mall**" 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 Andromeda Room at the State Convention in Ashland and we will place them on the tables for you. Thank you for your help.

Phyllis Olson

The Mall, Chair

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TENTATIVE OSFGC CONVENTION SCHEDULE

June 11-14, 2017

Sunday, June 11

GUIDED TOURS (see registration form)

Registration

Monday 10a.m. to 6p.m.

Tuesday/Wednesday 8 to 9a.m., 11a.m. to noon, 5:30 to 6p.m.

Monday, June 12

9:00 Begin set up

State Chairman Exhibits, Main Floor, Orion Room

10:00 Registration, Main Floor, Constellation Hall

Photography Contest, set up Jeannette Rogers, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

Treasurer Chest, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

10:30 Executive Committee Meeting, 2nd Floor, Board Room

1:00 Judges Council Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

2:00 District Directors & Club Presidents Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

3:00 Treasurers' Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

4:00 Board of Directors Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

5:30 Meet & Greet Reception, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

6:00 BANQUET & Entertainment, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

Honoring Life Membership; Memorial Service

Tuesday, June 13

9:00 Opening Ceremony, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

9:45 Business Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

11:00 Opening of Boutique Mall, Main Floor, Andromeda Room

Noon LUNCHEON, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

2:00 Resume Business Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

2:00 Workshop #1

3:00 Workshop #2

5:30 Meet & Greet Reception, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

6:00 BANQUET & Entertainment, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

Wednesday, June 14

9:00 Reconvene Business Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

11:45 Adjourn for Lunch

Noon LUNCHEON, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

2:00 Workshop #1

3:00 Workshop #2

5-5:30 Remove all Exhibits

5:30 Meet & Greet Reception, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

6:00 INSTALLATION BANQUET & Entertainment, Main Floor, Aquarius Room

9:00 Installation Reception & Dessert, Main Floor, Orion Room

Thursday Morning, June 15

8:30 New Board Meeting, Main Floor, Orion Room

CONVENTION TOURS – Sites to Visit

Sunday Only, June 11th

Guided tours @ \$5 per person (Maps and driving directions will be provided)

#1 & #4 - Historic Downtown Ashland Walking Tours 2 times offered

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m./noon

OR

2:00 p.m. - 3:30/4:00 p.m.

Meet at Ashland Plaza downtown near Pioneer Mike statue/drinking fountain.

Limit: 15 participants each tour

This tour starts at the historic Plaza & continues up East Main Street to the Carnegie Library. Taylor Leonard will lead this tour. Taylor is a professional guide, & a member of the Ashland Historic Commission. Please consider a gratuity to the guide. Wear comfortable walking shoes, bring water bottle and sunscreen. Plan to have fun !!

#2 - Lithia Park Walking Tour

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Meet at the Park Entrance across from the Plaza, downtown Ashland

Limit: 15 participants

Dan Merrill will lead this plant-focused walk through beautiful Lithia Park. Dan managed the park for 20 years so is one of the most knowledgeable gardeners around. He will also share the history of the Park as well as the development of the town.

#3 - North Mountain Park Gardens Walking Tour

Noon – 1:00 pm with additional time to hike to Bear Creek (see description below)

Meet at North Mountain Park – 620 North Mountain Avenue north of Siskiyou Boulevard & East Main Street

Limit: 15 participants

Soak up the sights & smells of summer while learning about the gardens. Discover how to attract wildlife & conserve water in the Butterfly, Amphibian-Reptile, & Native Plants Gardens. Step into the past in the Heirloom Garden, & enjoy the fragrance of the Herb Gardens. Nancy Appling Salucci will lead this tour. She is a Master Gardener and member of the Oregon Heritage Tree Committee. An additional self-guided hike can be made to Bear Creek to learn about the natural history trailside exhibits. This add-on would take place after the developed Gardens walk & take approximately 45 minutes.

#5 - The Farm at Southern Oregon University (SOU)

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Meet at 155 Walker Avenue (Walker runs perpendicular to & between East Main & Ashland Streets)

Limit: 20 participants

The Farm & Center for Sustainability is a student-led organic farm which produces healthy, sustainably harvested food for the SOU community. It is a hub for education, student & faculty research, & community outreach. Projects promote a vision of living & working sustainably in the community & on the land.

All judges are encouraged to attend PJC meeting during OSFGC Convention.

We have an interesting agenda planned for you.

Garnet

CONVENTION WORKSHOPS – Get Inspired!

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 2:00p.m. (Orion Room)

Presentation: Nancy Hargroves on 'Fall & Winter Container Gardening'

Nancy L. Hargroves, 45th president of National Garden Clubs Inc., is a native Virginian. On the Club, District, State, Region and National levels, she has held various positions, including President of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs from 2005 to 2007. Nancy is a National Garden Clubs Accredited Judge. She is currently on the Executive Committee and Board of Directors of the American Horticultural Society and on the Advisory Council of *Seed Your Future*, as well as a member of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, the Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden in Richmond, VA, the American Hemerocallis Society, and the American Azalea Society.

Container gardening doesn't have to come to an end when Fall arrives. There are unlimited possibilities that exist in container design, no matter the season. Fall and Winter containers can also provide make-ahead holiday decorations for inside and outside the home. This program gives information on the unique aspects of container gardening for the Fall and Winter, as well as inspiration and creative ideas for Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas containers.

Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 3:00p.m. (Orion Room)

Demonstration: Sharie Beale on 'Creating a Fairy Garden'

Sharie Beale was trained as an interior designer and had her own design business for several years. She has been creating floral-related crafts her whole life, and is currently a member of the Medford Garden Club. Sharie will show how she turns a low container into a miniature landscape with pond, buildings and tiny plants. She will also discuss easy-to-maintain miniature gardens for children, and talk about what plants are most suitable for these tiny gardens.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 2:00 p.m. (Orion Room)

Presentation: Dr. Gabriela Chavarria on 'The Truth about the Birds and the Bees'

Dr. Chavarria was born and raised in Mexico City and received her doctorate from Harvard University in Organismic and Evolutionary Biology with her research focusing on bumblebees. She is currently the Forensic Science Branch Chief at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Forensics Laboratory in Ashland. She will be speaking about the role of birds and bees in pollination. She remains passionate about pollinators in general, and bumblebees in particular.

Wednesday, June 14, 2017, 3:00pm (Orion Room)

Presentation: John Jackson on 'Bats'

John Jackson has been a lifelong naturalist and entomologist. His company bugsrus.com gives science-based educational talks on fifteen different subjects. With 'Bats,' he will talk about the important role these furry flying mammals play in the ecosystem.



REGISTRATION FORM

OREGON STATE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

90th ANNUAL CONVENTION

"Siskiyou Sensations"

June 11 – 14, 2017

Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites, Ashland, Oregon



Please print clearly the name as your badge should read:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Club _____ District _____

*Registration confirmation via email, if provided.

** Request to share a room Yes or No

Registration fee required for ANY function, including tours & workshops.

Full time package plan, postmarked by May 22, 2017 \$200.00 _____

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

Package plan postmarked by May 26, 2017 \$210.00 _____

Sun., June 11 ~ Tours #1 ___ #2 ___ #3 ___ #4 ___ #5 ___ x \$5 ea _____

(Check specific tour/s)

Part Time attendance: Postmarked by May 26, 2017

One day registration (plus cost of meals as listed) \$20.00 _____

Mon. June 12 ~ Life Membership Banquet 40.00 _____

Tues. June 13 ~ Awards Luncheon – Conservation/Preservation 22.00 _____

Tues. June 13 ~ Banquet - Horticulture 43.00 _____

Wed. June 14 ~ Awards Luncheon – NGC-PacRegion & OSFGC 22.00 _____

Wed. June 14 ~ Installation Banquet & Reception 43.00 _____

Thurs. June 15 ~ 2017-2019 New Board Meeting (no cost)

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to "OSFGC CONVENTION 2017"

NO refunds after June 1, 2017

Mail CHECK and this completed FORM to:

Joan Foley, 6060 Donaldson Rd., Grants Pass, OR. 97526 (541-471-2103)

Diet Restrictions, Vegetarian ___ Gluten-free ___ Celiac ___ Other ___

SUNDAY, JUNE 11 - ONLY GUIDED TOURS \$5 EACH

1. 10:00 am Historic Downtown
Ashland Walking Tour
2. 10:30 am Lithia Park Nature
Walking Tour
3. Noon North Mountain Park
Gardens Walking Tour
4. 2:00 pm Historic Downtown
Ashland Walking Tour
5. 3:00 pm The Farm at SOU/Tour

WORKSHOPS

- 2:00 – 2:45 __ Tues Container Gardening
- 3:00 – 3:45 __ Tues. Fairy Gardens
- 2:00 – 2:45 __ Wed. Pollinators
- 3:00 – 3:45 __ Wed. Bats

CREDENTIALS

Please mark all that apply:

- ____ OSFGC Officer
- ____ OSFGC District Director
- ____ OSFGC Former State President
- ____ OSFGC State Committee Chair
- ____ OSFGC State 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 Judge

To reserve Exhibit Space Contact:

Kathy Simmons 541-592-6009

bobkat87@frontiernet.net

**To reserve Nature's Garden
Space Contact:**

Sharon Wilson 541-747-8479

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Visit

www.oregongardenclubs.org

For additional information

Reports from Districts and Clubs

Clackamas District

Jane Sercombe, Director

Planting It Pink



Garden.org is a wonderful source for gardening education.

Sara Petersen, her Granddaughter, and Carolyn Olley from Sunny Hills Garden Club in Clackamas District Planting It Pink. Sara is a cancer survivor! They used Regal Geranium, Candy Flowers, Fuchsia, Pink Bullet Girl, Alyssum.



Spring is nature's way of saying: "Let's Party!" Robin Williams



Sou'Wester Garden Club

PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 13th, 2017
9 a.m .to Noon

Seaside Civic & Convention Center: 415 1st Ave.
Silent Auction & Raffle for Scholarship Fund

Pioneer District

Stan Chiotti, Director

Pioneer District is happy to report that our participation in the "Share the Bounty" project for the year of 2016 resulted in a grand total of 55,000 pounds. About 32,000 pounds from the Clubs, and a fantastic donation from Bi-Mart of over 23,000 pounds equivalent in seed packages.

"Share the Bounty – Tip the Scale"

The President's Project "Share the Bounty – Tip the Scale" – Do you recall the fact that a half million Oregonians have food insecurities? – meaning they are hungry! Remember that a donation of ONE dollar equals FIVE pounds toward your personal goal of 150 pounds! Our Food Banks and Food Pantries will provide a receipt for your donation. when it is requested. Chairman Lucy Chambers is collecting the numbers from the District Directors who know what their district goal is. Let's keep Lucy's computer busy adding up all our donation pounds!!

"Fill the Cup – Fulfill a Dream"

World Gardening: "Fill the Cup – Fulfill a Dream" for children who wish to receive an education with a meal in their tummy. Your support for this worthy project is greatly appreciated.



McMinnville Garden Tour and Faire

The 17th Annual McMinnville Garden Tour and Faire will be held Sunday, June 25, 2017 from 10 am - 4 pm.

We appreciate your past support and ask that you help us publicize the event again this year.

The five gardens on this year's tour have been chosen for their individuality and their unique characteristics. Garden hosts and tour volunteers will be on-site to offer tips, answer questions, and point out special garden features. Tour gardens are open from 10 am to 4 pm. Tour tickets are \$10 each and tax deductible. Tickets will be available in May at several McMinnville businesses. Also, on tour day tickets are sold at each tour garden and at the faire downtown.

The Garden Faire will be held in downtown McMinnville on First and Cows Streets (one block off Hwy 99W). Over 50 vendors are scheduled from Oregon and Washington offering an abundance of unusual perennials, ornamental grasses, hanging baskets, succulents, and specialty trees. Many other items will be for sale such as one-of-a-kind garden structures, whimsical decorations and more. Faire hours are 9 am to 4 pm and admission is **FREE**.

The proceeds from both events benefit local community garden projects for the On-going beautification of McMinnville and provide several student horticulture scholarships.

Again, we hope you will help us publicize this event.

Check www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org for more information or find us on Facebook.

Information phone numbers: Tour: Marlene: **541-784-5089**

Garden Faire: Mike: **503-831-3087**

Email: [**macgardenclub@gmail.com**](mailto:macgardenclub@gmail.com)

Website: [**www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org**](http://www.mcminnvillegardenclub.org) or on Facebook



Garden Thyme Nursery at the McMinnville Garden Faire
2016

Santiam District

Joli Root, Director

Do Your Seeds Have Stories?

Lebanon Garden Club co-hosted their 4th annual Seedy Tuesday on the evening of February 28, 2017.

Seedy Tuesday is co-sponsored by the Lebanon Garden Club, OSU Extension Master Gardeners, and the Lebanon Public Library. This time we held a Seed Story telling session. If anyone had been stewarding seeds of a plant variety with an interesting history or special meaning for their family, the plan was to share the story at Seedy Tuesday. We held seed swaps in past years, but instead of listening to a guest speaker we started the evening with our own little story fest.

When the stories were done, those with seeds or other plant materials to share laid them out on tables. Vegetable seeds were the main emphasis, but flower seeds and other kinds, and even well-wrapped tubers and growing plants were welcomed. The seeds don't have to be homegrown; they can be extras from commercial packets. All seeds are identified by species and variety and the year of harvest.

You didn't have to bring seeds to take seeds. Envelopes, tape, and pens were brought so those attending know later what they have brought home.

During the swap, Oregon State University (OSU) Extension Master Gardeners and members of the Lebanon Garden Club were on hand to answer questions about planting and saving seeds and other gardening matters. There was also a swap table for seed and plant catalogs as well. This was a good opportunity to promote our garden club.



Lebanon Garden Club

Trudie Bason, president

Lebanon Garden Club of the Santiam District is gearing up for their annual plant sale on Friday, May 5, 2017. The sale is located near downtown at Ralston Park, at the Ralston Park Building on the corner of Park & Oak. Sale will be from 8-4. There will be lots of Raffles, a variety of plants such as veggies, annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, dahlia bulbs, & more. Visit our country store. If we don't have it, you don't need it.

Are We Having Fun Yet?

The Lebanon Garden Club is at it again. In preparation of their annual plant sale on May 5 they had a planting party. Trudie, who is the Club President has a nursery which makes it easy to have the facility to do this work. The club cleaned up plants left over from last year and potted plants that were dug up in member's yards. It was a cold day but the potting tables were set up in the shop with the wood stove burning. Coffee and doughnuts were served. Fun was had by all.



Combining gardening and community

Planting Kiosks

Sprinkle together a bit of grant money and add gardening expertise, throw in strong idealism concerning community engagement and some “sweat equity” and bingo! All of a sudden, neighborhood planting kiosks have sprouted all over town.

Local gardening legend Ruby Moon, whose spread at the corner of Southwest Seventh Street and Western Boulevard has stopped traffic for years, dreamed up the idea of sharing gardening knowledge. Her goal was to involve area gardening groups and to get folks talking to each other. So with a \$350 grant from the Benton County Master Gardeners and some donated and discounted materials, Moon and her pals have put up 14 neighborhood planting kiosks, brightly painted information portals for gardeners. Moon said her vision was influenced by a similar poetry kiosk created by Charlyn Ellis.

“It’s a huge concept, but if you don’t think huge, nothing will ever happen,” said Moon. “Community members ... when they are engaged, they can do things. And when you get a community engaged, you find out things about each other.”

Christina Clark of the Master Gardeners helped Moon nail down the grant funding. Others participating were the Corvallis Evening Garden Club, the Corvallis Sustainability Coalition, the Corvallis Parks and Recreation Department and the Civic Beautification and Urban Forestry Advisory Committee.

“I loved Ruby’s idea because it helps build connections between several great community groups and also between the people they serve,” Clark said. “It reaches a little different demographic than we’ve been able to reach before, literally people walking down the street in neighborhoods all over town.”

Moon sees the potential for the kiosks to be community gathering spots with updated information and gifts of produce. And after watching a City Club panel on earthquake dangers, Moon sees a role in emergency preparedness.

“That’s community engagement,” Moon said. “Who do you have to check on? Who has food?”

Clark noted that the kiosks can be used to notify the community of things such as beetle infestations and other issues that reach the Master Gardeners. Jonathan Pywell, the City’s Urban Forester, plans to offer advice on tree care.

Ultimately the group hopes to change out the information weekly, but their effort to date has been more focused on getting the kiosks in the ground ... and planning for the next batch. And possibly expanding outside the city limits to places such as Albany or Philomath.

“We did a lot with that first \$350,” Moon said. The kiosks are a bit labor-intensive, with multiple layers of paint required. “It’s a piece of art,” Moon said, with “marine-grade” materials. “We wanted to make them sustainable,” Clark added. “Hopefully they will last a decade.” “We hope people will stop and see what’s up this week,” Moon said. “And, hopefully, people will stop and talk to you.”

From the Corvallis Gazette-Times; By JAMES DAY; 4-4-2017



Ruby Moon, right, and Christina Clark are shown at the first neighborhood Planting Kiosk.

Corvallis Evening Garden Club

Ruby Moon, President

Corvallis Garden Club of the Santiam District Garden Clubs of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs is having their annual plant sale Sunday, May 7, 9:00-4:00 during the Corvallis Spring Festival at the Arts Center on 7th & Madison in Corvallis, OR. A variety of plants from annuals to perennials and everything in between, including raffle prizes will be for sale. Garden Club members will be on hand to answer your questions. Come out & meet your local Garden Club and talk about joining. All Club meetings are on the second Thursday and are open to the public.” santiamdistrict.org

More Fun!



The Lebanon Garden Club is having fun again. They sponsored a tour on March 22 to visit the Willamette Valley Pie Company in Silverton, wvpie.com. First, they enjoyed lunch at the off-site restaurant and retail store, just outside of Salem. The restaurant had very affordable and delicious food to savor as well as a gift shop with interesting gadgets & local food items, and pie. Then it was a short drive over to the pie factory in Silverton, where the air smells mighty sweet.

The Club members had a personal tour by one of the company managers. They were shown the freezer room that is as big as a house and maintains a temperature of -10 degrees. Frozen pies were stacked to the ceiling.

Next was the manufacturing floor, where there's room for multiple production lines, with clusters of employees making a variety of things at once – pies, turnovers and cobblers. The members were able to watch how to make a pie from start to finish. Can you believe you can crimp a pie with one hand?

Production is rolling on frozen and baked pies, cobblers and other treats. The company makes a million pies a year and distributes them in Washington, Oregon, Northern California, as well as nationwide by mail order. Willamette Valley Pie Company was founded in 1999 by the Roth family, who for three generations has been locally growing strawberries, raspberries, boysenberries, blueberries, blackberries, cranberries, and of course – the crowning glory of the Oregon berry world, the marionberry.

The Lebanon Garden Club hosts three to four tours a year to various fun places. We always have a great time and learn a great deal from our adventures. The Garden Club is committed to keeping these tours affordable, interesting, and educational. (Did I mention, fun?) Please stay tuned for our activities at lebanongardenclub.com or call Trudie Bason, Club President, at 541-258-7693.

The Club meets the third Monday of the month at noon. October through April they meet at the First Christian Church on Grant & Grove. May through September will find the meetings at various member's homes, always with fantastic speakers or programs. The meetings are open to the public and friends are always welcome.

Are you as proud of your District as Joli?
Send highlights of your Club or District's programs to the
Mahonia.
We can all be inspired by what other Clubs do!



In Memoriam

Elijah A. Chambers, Sr.

June 24, 1949 -- March 7, 2017.

Lucy Chamber's husband passed away March 7, 2017.

He was a Policeman -- At the celebration of life, a police honor guard unfurled and then folded the American flag before presenting it to Lucy while the audience stood motionless and extraordinarily quiet.



Bob Cooper passed away on March 21, 2017.

Bob had an MS in Horticulture from Cal Poly, CA. and was a long standing member of Innominata Garden Club, Gold Beach. He was an avid gardener and knew the botanical name of every plant. He hybridized dahlias, and grew orchids as a hobby. He was also an authority on succulents and cacti.



Forget-Me-Not

Thank you Pam Hawkes for being our Santiam District Secretary, 2015-2017 and Parliamentarian, 2011-2015. Also for your many years as a dedicated Garden Club Member and your part in helping start the Corvallis Evening Garden Club over 30 years ago.

You are a blessing to our District and a great friend to all.

Joli Root, Santiam District Director

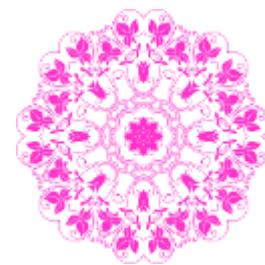


Forget-Me-Not

Thank you Helen Ellis for making the flower designs for our officers and the buffet table at the Spring State Board meeting. We appreciate your talent and friendship.

Joli Root, Santiam District Director

Pacific Region Fundraiser "Floral Design Program" "Tropical Tea with a Twist"



Pictured sitting: Diana Caryl, Kay Lincoln, Tina Weekly

Standing: Norma Curtis, Phyllis Olson, Peggy Olin and Judy Wols

On Thursday, March 30th, many of our wonderful ladies and gents gathered at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in SW Portland for an outstanding day of fun, flower arranging and friendship. The event was a much needed fundraiser for our Pacific Region to help replenish a treasury in dire need. Our own lovely Peggy Olin is the incoming Director and the intent was to help with her expenses as Regional Director. The event was very special on many levels. To begin with, seeing so many of our OSFGC friends in their 'going to tea' finery, complete with hats, was a treat. The room was decorated to the nines in a tropical theme. And, if you perchance did not have a hat, an adorable clip on thingy with feathers and flowers was waiting at your table place. Just fun. The

entertainment was a very interesting, informative and inventive lady who flew in from Texas and donated her time, expertise and expenses to the event. Barbara Baker is a charming lady who

presented a simply wonderful program of design. The flowers she used were all flown in from Hawaii, supplemented by local fill-in material. Beautiful. She demonstrated and explained several of the new designs that NGC has added to the Design Portfolio which I thought was so helpful. She is a Design Instructor Emeritus and a wonderful teacher.

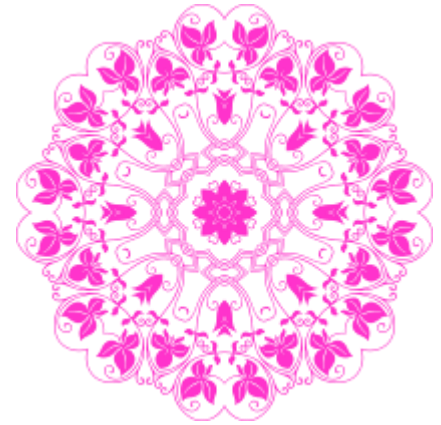
I learned a lot just observing and listening as she uses an inclusive method of teaching. We all became active listener/learners giving advice in our own minds as to where to put this or that. I loved it. Peggy's Multnomah Garden club did such a wonderful job with the food for the Tropical High Tea with many yummy things on which to nosh. I loved the scones. It was served with panache and grace. So many different mu'u-mu'us.



Peggy Olin will be installed as the 2017-2019 Pacific Region Director on April 20 in Seattle. She will do an excellent job!



They were pretty cute! The silent auction for the arrangements which included the containers was fun and let us all get up close to the arrangements and 'inspect' them. There were other fun items on the silent auction tables too. I am sure many monies were raised by the event which will help Peggy have a successful term as Regional Director. Even though I am not a judge and just dabble at flower arranging I was thoroughly entertained and so happy to attend such a charming worthwhile event. CEE



Calendar of Events

Pacific Region Convention: April 18-20, Seattle, WA.

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