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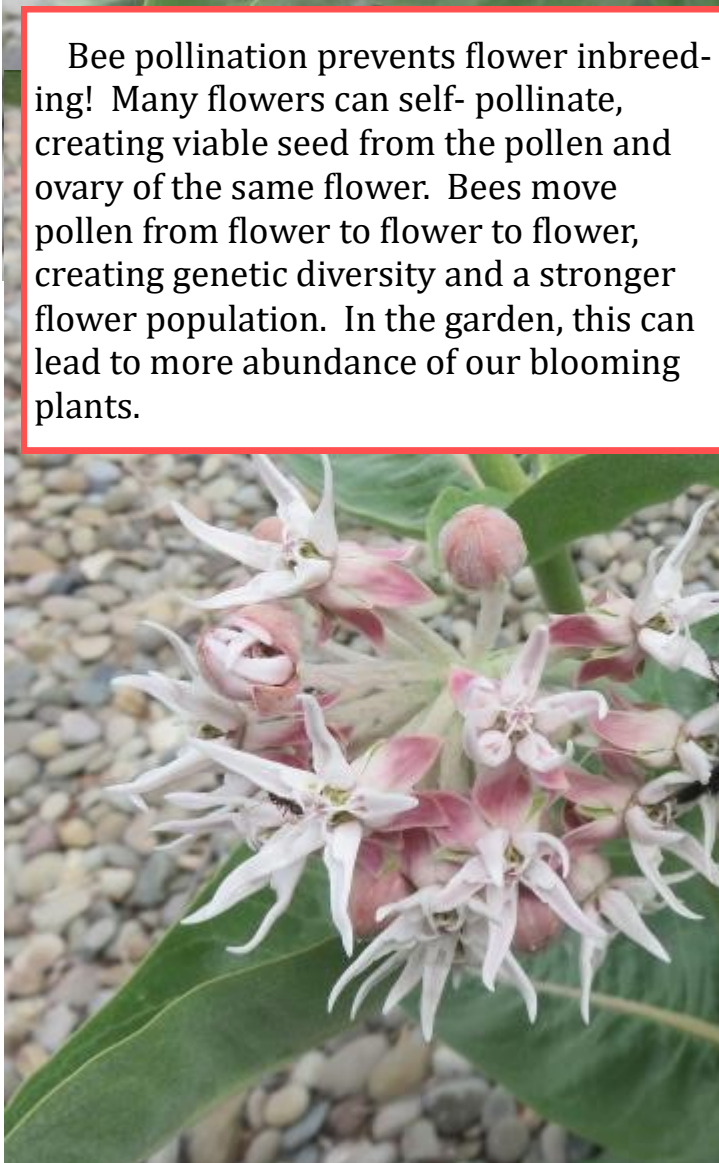
Member National Garden Clubs, Inc., Pacific Region

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Powering our Pollinators

Tips for making our gardens safer for pollinators and beneficial insects

Submitted by Nicole Sanchez

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Sometimes good bees settle in bad places. Ground dwelling bees are desirable, but not under your pavers or right outside your patio door. Frequent saturation of the nesting area with water may be enough to convince them to move to a “better” location without resorting to drastic measures. Try it at night to reduce potential stinging.

Bee pollination prevents flower inbreeding! Many flowers can self-pollinate, creating viable seed from the pollen and ovary of the same flower. Bees move pollen from flower to flower to flower, creating genetic diversity and a stronger flower population. In the garden, this can lead to more abundance of our blooming plants.



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From the President's Desk

Gaye Stewart, OSFGC President 2017-2019 503-510-4370 rosesremembered@aol.com

"Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest"



President's Report Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. 91st Convention

The Oregon Federation was organized in June 1927, and its Constitution was adopted at the first State Convention in 1928. We are beginning the countdown as we enter the final decade of a Century of service to the Gardeners of Oregon.

I, too, am counting down to my first anniversary as the Oregon President.

- The Summer months were devoted to preparation of the State Directory, an important reference for members.
- There are now 81 Blue Star Memorial Markers in Oregon plus our first Gold Star Marker dedicated September 29, 2017 in Grants Pass.
- The Fall Board meeting was held in Dallas, my hometown of 16,000 people, which began Sunday with a visit to my garden and the adjacent community garden Mike and I maintain. Two workshops followed the tour. Monday was our Board meeting with a great meeting at our Church, rent-free and a luncheon hosted by my Dallas Garden Club. All proved to be a cost-effective meeting plan.
- Green t-shirts with this administration's theme, "Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest" were ordered and are happily being worn by many members across the State.
- All 86 Clubs are planting Pollinator Gardens each of these 2 years with the goal number of 172. The pollinators will love us!
- In November a mega proposal was written and presented to The Oregon Garden, Oregon's Premier Garden, for OSFGC to host a Fall Garden Festival. You'll hear more about this throughout this convention.
- In March, the State Board of Directors approved a new professional website which is under construction. Also new this year is a Website Editor position, held by Karen Varty. She has been helpful in ensuring accurate, up-to-date information, arranged attractively, and it's user-friendly.
- The 91st State Convention planning has been underway for over a year and we are finally here at the Premier Boulder Falls Inn which features a beautiful Japanese Garden and a huge breath-taking Koi Pond. Hoichi Kurisu, the word-renown designer of the garden will be our keynote speaker at the Tuesday Banquet.

Your Executive Committee continues to be in constant communication regarding new ideas, discussing organizational needs, helping one another, visiting Clubs and Districts, writing articles for publications, and supporting the other dimensions of this great organization.

I am proud to report that 14 people from Oregon Clubs attended the Pacific Region Convention in Alaska in April. Alaska was hosting, and they had 16 people in attendance! It was frigid, but we stayed warm in our pretty **OREGON GREEN** long-sleeved Club shirts. We were a hit!

President 's report continued

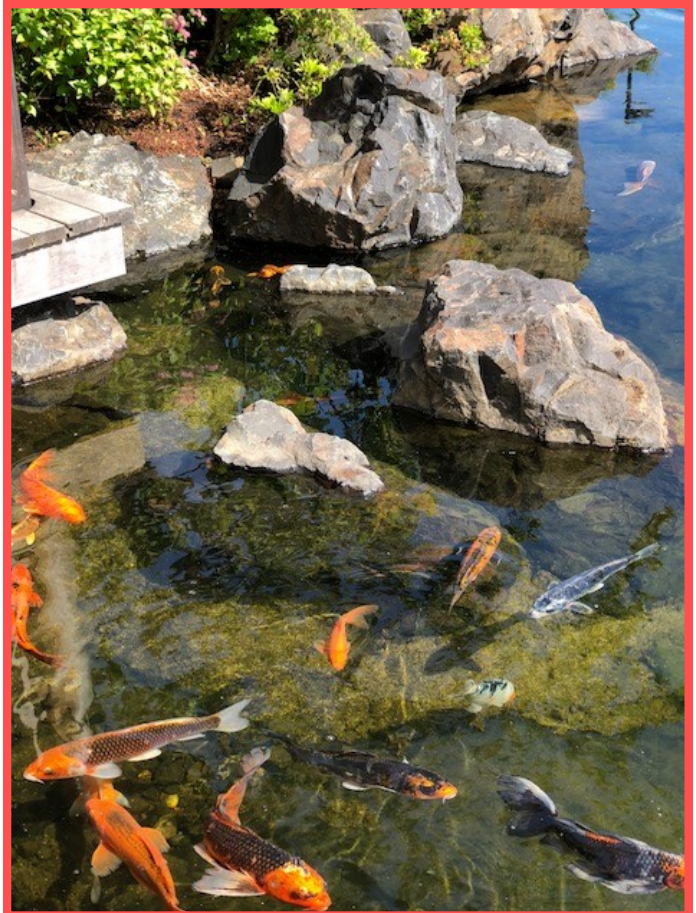
In May, three of us from Oregon (Peggy Olin, Nancy Ebsen and me) traveled 2,300 air miles to Philadelphia for the National Convention. Again, I wore my **OREGON GREEN** t-shirt when I made my President's report in front of 300 people. It seems like a small thing, but Oregon "Planted a seed" ... and others will "Reap the Harvest!" Many people commented and asked questions about our shirts, indicating a strong interest to share the idea with their state members.

We still have work to do! Membership is declining, several Clubs have disbanded recently. Remember what I said when I was your Membership Chair: INVITE, INVITE, INVITE. It is the best strategy and it works!

We have Pollinator Gardens to plant to help our bees. Avoid pesticides – be organic! Let's work together to preserve our environment and the beauty of Oregon. Future generations depend on us because we know what and how to do what's needed.

Now, let's just do it!

Thank you.



Post Convention Report

Dear Gardening Friends,

The 91st OSFGC Convention was held June 10-13 in Lebanon at The Boulder Falls Inn – a perfect, beautiful and tranquil site! The pre-convention activities began with a Sunday Brunch on the Santiam Excursion Train on its way to explore the beautiful scenery. Monday afternoon a special Pre-Board Meeting focused on preparations for the OSFGC Statewide, major event at The Oregon Garden in Silverton. Committee work groups formed and began the planning phase for each of the major areas to be featured at The Fall Garden Fair, September 22 and 23. A judged flower show will be set up Friday, and be ready for public enjoyment Saturday morning. (Please note the other areas of emphasis and contact people listed in this edition and offer them your help directly.)

Monday afternoon, the entire State Board was invited to attend the important business meeting prior to the full convention beginning Tuesday morning. The Board includes all District Directors, all State Committee Chairs and all Former State Presidents able to attend. If you were not present, please mark your calendar today to attend this meeting next Convention, Monday, June 10, 2019, 3:30 p.m. in Klamath Falls. You have a voice and a vote in the organization!

The Monday Evening Banquet included Life Membership at State, Region and National levels, led by Jenny Dahrens, Chairman. District and Club membership awards were presented by Tanja Swanson, 1st Vice President and Membership Chairman. Tanja was also presented with “The Member of Honor” Award, a certificate and special pin. A beautiful Memorial Service, remembering those who passed during the year, was conducted by Peggy Trees, Book of Remembrance Chairman and Becky Cook, State Chaplain. The evening’s finale was the delightful variety show featuring our own creative members and directed by Sherry Cossey.

Continuing with the Convention on Tuesday, the Opening Ceremonies included a song version of “The Conservation Pledge” sung by the Lebanon Garden Club. It was delightful! Tuesday was also the opening of the Country Mall and Boutique which featured donations from Oregon Club Members sorted and displayed by Phyllis Olson and her crew. Lunch was a Tea Party Luncheon complete with a party hat contest.



The Tuesday evening banquet featured Hoichi Kurisu, the renowned designer of Japanese Gardens, who beautifully shared his personal story of learning about the soil, plants and connecting mankind in the powerful relationship with our earth. His message evoked an emotional response and understanding of his valued work and the role we play in protecting the environment. His next project, by invitation, is to design and create a healing garden within the Oregon State Penitentiary. His story was very moving.

There were many other highlights of the Convention including a short design show by the Designing Divas, the special awards luncheon, meeting the student scholarship recipients, the huge Photo Contest which was so amazing, numerous informative workshops, special entertainment, and beautiful centerpieces. Bernie Wood, Chairman of The Treasure Chest and Wish to Win, did an outstanding job with her helpers, in setting up the wonderful display of gifted donations for everyone to enjoy and quickly distributing the items to the lucky winners.

My sincere thank you to Cheryl Drumheller, Nita Wood, Tanja Swanson and Jane Sercombe, State Officers who graciously served as the Presiding Officer at each of the luncheon or banquet meals. The success and superb variety planned for this Convention is due to the efforts of Joli Root, District Director, and Trudie Bason, Assistant Director, and the Santiam District Clubs, plus others who provided support by making table favors, floral centerpieces and more. Thank you for your capable leadership in creating a wonderful 91st State Convention for us to enjoy. You are amazing!

Blessings,

Gaye Stewart, President



OSFGC "Fall Garden Fair"

September 22 & 23, 2018

at The Oregon Garden

Silverton, Oregon

Here are the Work Areas and Leaders with their contact information.

Help is still needed in most areas – just call the leader of the work area that interests you to volunteer. If there is no leader listed, call Gaye (503-510-4370). Remember, we want the whole State membership involved in this project to demonstrate to the public our gardening skills, dedication to education, commitment to protecting the environment, and our enthusiastically providing opportunities for them to make new friends and to be of service to their local communities by joining an existing Garden Club or by forming a new Garden Club if there is not one already available.

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| Publicity | Marcia Kay Whitelock | 503-524-5309 |
| Adult Workshops | Gaye Stewart | 503-510-4370 |
| Children's Workshops | Peggy Olin | 503-666-4083 |
| Vendor Faire | Mike Stewart | 503-510-3293 |
| OSFGC Booth | Tanja Swanson | 541-883-8119 |
| Judged Flower Show | Marcia Kay Whitelock | 503-524-5309 |
| Horticulture Display | | |
| Floriculture Display | | |
| Show Setup Friday | | |
| Show Cleanup Sunday | | |
| General Helpers | | |
| Event Hostesses/Hosts | | |
| Thank You Notes | | |
| Registration | | |



Hotel Information
Oregon Federation of Garden Club's Fall Festival

September 21st-23rd, 2018

at the

Oregon Garden Resort

895 W Main Street | Silverton, OR 97381

The Guest Room rate is **\$159** plus tax.

We will hold the rooms in the room block until **August 11th, 2018**.

At that time we will release any unreserved rooms back into our general inventory.

After that we can still extend the group rate to new reservations

but will not be able to guarantee room availability.

Please follow the steps below to access online reservations:

1) Go to www.oregongardenresort.com

2) Under "Your Place To Dream" choose your dates and then press the black "BOOK NOW" button.

3) You will be redirected to a new page. You will see room types that are available at full rate. Above these pictures there is an "ADD CODE" option. Click on this and a box will drop down. Choose "GROUP ATTENDEE" and then enter your group code, which is : **FALLFEST**

You may be redirect to a calendar page. Please re-select your dates for check in & check out, then press the blue button that says "UPDATE DATES OF STAY."

4) Choose which room type you would like and then press the "ADD ROOM + CHECKOUT" button to complete.

You will be redirected to another page that will ask for all of your information to finalize.

Guests may also call our reservation line to make room reservations.

That number is: 503-874-2500.

If guests should have any special room requests or complications please feel free to contact our front desk manager, Brittany Myers, at 503-874-2508

We were honored and moved by Hoichi Kurisu, our keynote speaker.

From the Kurisu website:

“From the day we began building gardens in 1972, Kurisu has addressed a unique social purpose. We believe encounters with nature to be essential to mental, physical, and spiritual equilibrium. Our gardens reinforce the quality of humanity which our speed and information obsessed society often elides. Harmonizing light and shade, water and rock, and space with the senses, our work enlists nature to restore peace of mind, physical health, and strong and compassionate communities.

Our vision: To create restorative experiences which demonstrate the necessity of natural places to physical, mental, and social well-being.”

President Gaye Stewart presents
Hoichi Kurisu and Betty Coehn,
Director of the Samaritan Lebanon
Community Hospital Foundation with a
check and an emotional “Thank You”



Hoichi and Joli Root



Executive Reports



1st Vice-President *Tanja Swanson*
Membership

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Thank you Joli Root, Trudie Bason and all of Santiam District for a very special Convention! It was an honor to meet Hoichi Kurisu and a treat to look out on, and walk in his beautiful Garden.

I was humbled to receive the National Award of Honor during the Monday night ceremonies. Thank you to all who made that possible! There are so many people in this organization that work hard and do everything in their power to promote their clubs. You all generously give of your time, knowledge and artistry. People that love putting their "all" into OSFGC and love every minute of it! So start thinking of someone you know to nominate for this award for next year... I can think of a bunch! Currently there are three people in OSFGC that have that special pin: Sally Thompson, Peggy Olin and I.

Also on Monday night it was my honor to award certificates and even a 'golden screwdriver' to Districts and Clubs with the most new members percentagewise. These Clubs must be doing something right and I hope they will tell us how they attract new members.

Now some of my ideas to keep your Clubs growing. The most important thing we can do at the Club level is to keep our Members happy! By happy I mean: Honor your older Members for their knowledge and contributions they have made over the years and find out what new Members are looking for in a Garden Club. Be flexible and change some of how you have always done things if necessary.

There are quite a few Clubs that have added new members and to acknowledge that we at the State appreciate new members, I have given them "Welcome Cards" if you have given me their names.

Sadly though, this year we have lost many members. Some Clubs just got so small that there was no-one to take over as president. Some Clubs that wanted to quit have found a solution for their problems. It is so important to keep recruiting new members, so that your Club doesn't end up with just 2 or 3 members. Please have flyers, bookmarks or business cards with you at all time to be able to give interested people a way to contact you. "Talk Garden Club" wherever you go!! I am sure you are just as proud of this organization as I am!

Since Convention we have added a whole new Club! **Country Gardens Club** in Lake Oswego in Clackamas District. They have been a Garden Club for a while and they have 45 members!

Welcome to OSFGC!

Walter and Marian Allen Award

Many years ago Walter and Marian Allen presented us with a beautiful trophy for the **District** with the highest percentage of new members. Each year another name of a District was added that had the highest percent increase. Two years ago the plaque became full and it was decided that certificates would be presented.

It still is called the Walter and Marian Allen Award and the award went to

Siskiyou District with an increase of 15.26 %

The **Club** with the highest percentage of new members was:

Coquille Valley Garden Club in the Rogue District with an increase of **116.7 %**.

And because I thought it so wonderful that **Medford** had an increase of **14 Members** I gave them one of my Golden Screwdrivers!

Congratulations!

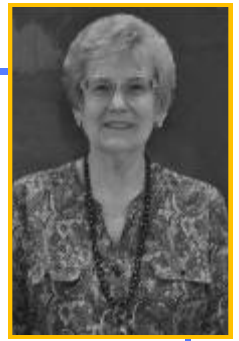
*Keep promoting your Clubs and tell everyone how fun it is to belong to a Garden Club!
And don't forget to keep those new members feeling welcome!*



First Place: Siskiyou District-Lou Nally Director. Second Place: North Coast District, Ginny Timmerman-Director
Third place: Klamath District, Jaye Weiss-Co-Director.

Also

1st: Coquille Valley Garden Club in Rogue District-Cheryl Drumheller-Director
2nd: Milton Freewater Garden Club from Blue Mountain District-Cece Delfs-Director
3rd: Sandy Garden Club-Clackamas District.



This past year has been exciting for me and I say “thank you” for the opportunity to serve as your OSFGC 2nd Vice President.

My responsibilities included informing you on Protocol and Public Relations topics throughout the year.

They included cell phone and texting etiquette, courtesies and behaviors (remember, once the President has raised her fork, you may begin eating), the proper way to say the Pledge of Allegiance, head table seating at meetings, flag etiquette, and e-mail etiquette, to name a few. In general, Protocol is practicing common courtesies; treating others the way you want to be treated.

I’ve taken the opportunity to visit several Districts. My favorite part is seeing old friends and making new ones and hearing about tried and true gardening techniques. It’s all fun!

Thank you to all who have encouraged me to be the best I can be. I look forward to another exciting year.



Treasurer*Nita Wood**503-393-0660**nlwood2@comcast.net*

Just a shout-out and thank you to those who helped make our 2018 91st Convention a success. I do hope all who came enjoyed it, the gardens and the hotel hospitality. It was a lot of planning and work, but when it all works out in the end, that is special and worth the effort. Char Mutschler and I especially want to thank all of our Guilds and Judges' Councils who participated in preparing such beautiful designs for every meal. They were lovely to look at, admire and I marvel at the creativity. And oh, don't forget our Divas and their escorts: Char Mutschler, Gretchen McKane, Carole Schuldt, Stan, Chiotti, Paul Ramsey, and Michael Stewart. Although it didn't go off quite as planned, they offered some good entertainment, as did Sandra Rassi, our witty MC for the Diva's.'



Sandra Rassi and Char Mutschler



Carole Schuldt



Gretchen McKane



It is now time to look forward and begin the new year with a bang! Please begin sending your club and membership dues so they are processed in a timely manner. Remember they are due anytime from now until September 30th. I am sending each Club President a reminder and the form to use. And I hope this year we will see clubs gaining many new members.

Blessings to all, Nita Wood.

2018 OSFGC Convention, Endowment Committee Report

The Endowment Committee was created by motions at the 2017 Convention, for the purpose of investing excess OSFGC funds to increase income. The committee selected Bob Welle, of Ameriprise Finance, to be our advisor. He suggested a mix of CD's, and a modest market-based moderate portfolio, to serve current and future OSFGC needs.

The initial October 25, 2017 investment of \$280,000 has increased in value by \$1,479.61 to May 31st. To date, all earnings have been allocated to our Dedicated and General funds each month in the same proportion as is their proportion of the total funds. This is the same allocation procedure as has been used for many years with our Money Market savings account income. If you were to look at the detailed accounting of our treasury, you would see amounts added to each category each month. Our Treasurer spends hours with a complicated worksheet deriving and entering all of the data.

Kudos to Nita for her diligent, and frequently late night, work on all aspects of OSFGC's accounting!





Committee Reports

Awards

Jane Sercombe & Lynne Hatfield, Co-Chairs



State Awards

Claire Belsher Historic Preservation Award

Milwaukie Garden Club, Clackamas District

In recognition of the cooperative effort with Milwaukie Historical Society, Boy Scout Troop #376, and the Milwaukie Garden Club. Planter boxes, fruit trees, annuals, perennials and heritage trees have been planted since 2009 and have been maintained by the Milwaukie Garden Club at the Milwaukie Railroad Museum.



Sally Thompson, Chair

Ellen Ambuhl Conservation Award

Elaine Butler of the Philip Foster Farm

In 1980 Philip Foster Farm was listed on the

National Register of Historic Places

The Philip Foster Farm is located on the last leg of the **Barlow Road**, and was an important rest stop for travelers on the **Oregon Trail**.

Thousands of school children are hosted each year for hands-on pioneer life field trips.

Some students at the nearby Summit Learning Charter school come to volunteer and help with tours and events. When you arrive at the Farm, the students are dressed as pioneers.

Visiting the Farm is a lovely way to further your child's knowledge of Oregon History. Specialties: Explore pioneer life on the Oregon Trail, and learn about the settlers and how they lived. Build your own log cabin, grind corn, use a crosscut saw, and tour original and reproduction buildings, including an 1860's barn.



Norma Curtis, Chair



Philip Foster Farm

ON THE OREGON TRAIL

Feeding Our Backyard Birds

If you enjoy feeding your backyard birds here are a few tips to give you and your bird visitors a more enjoyable experience:

The larger more aggressive birds like jays can make it a chore for the little song birds to take advantage of our feeders. If you have the room or a small space in the corner of the yard you might want to try putting out some peanuts and fruit to attract these bigger birds to a meal they prefer and lure them away from the seed feeders.

Always buy a good quality bird food. Less expensive brands can contain more weed seeds which love to spread and thrive in your garden, also they tend to contain seeds that are not preferred by song birds and will be thrown to the ground unused. So unless you have a pond that attracts ducks that will clean up under your feeders you are better off to spend a little extra money. Read the label to be sure you are getting the right kind of food for the birds you would like to attract. Also be sure you have the right feeder for your seed. Most common for song birds are sunflower/mixed seed or thistle feeders.

It is always a good idea to provide water near the feeders. A bird bath can be very attractive as well as providing for the birds, even a small shallow bowl off the ground will do. The water and bowl should be kept clean; a cap full of peroxide each time you fill will help with algae growth and will not harm the birds. If your container is too deep for small birds to stand in, you may want to provide a feature or flat rock in the water for them to use.

You might want to try some natural feeders. Trees and shrubs that provide tasty berries can provide a fun place to watch birds. They provide cover and look great in the yard or around a naturalized area. Serviceberry, American cranberry bush, crabapple, and beautyberry are a few.



Monday Night Variety Show



Nicole Sanchez



Darby Walker



Sherry Cossey, MC



Darby Walker and
Jane Sercombe



OSFGC 2nd Vice President Cheryl Drumheller, President Gaye Stewart, Pacific Region Director Peggy Olin, OSFGC 1st Vice President Tanja Swanson, OSFGC Life Membership Chair Jenny Dahrens, Book of Remembrance Chair Peggy Trees, Chaplain Becky Cook and Parliamentarian and Former President Karen Brown



Sandra Rassi is getting everyone to participate



Bee keepers Mike Stewart, Lavon Ostrick, Sherry Cossey
Bees: Norma Curtis, Trish Paige and Alexandria

It has been my privilege to be the Chairman of the Book of Remembrance. By donating \$10.00 or more to the Oregon State Federation of Garden Club's Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund, your loved ones who passed away will be honored at our State Convention ceremony which is held on the first night of Convention.

The person honored could be a Club member, spouse, a family member or friend. The reason why I consider this a privilege for me is that I may never have met the honoree but I am able to see how they have touched the lives of other Club members and beyond. I learn about people who have been charter members, who were instrumental in our state and clubs receiving our 503 (c) (3) status. I read about longtime tireless members, past presidents, strong leaders, fellow laborers, someone who tells one-liner jokes and people who inspire others. I read about members who worked on youth projects, a flower show judge who taught other judges, people who bring sunshine, friendship and love to others. Husbands who served during wars and families who allow us members to serve and enjoy the rewards of being a member of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

Thank you.





In Memoriam



George Wagner died peacefully in his sleep Friday, June 15, 2018, after a prolonged illness.

George was the husband of Pat Wagner. Pat has been a Garden Club member (OSFGC, Regional and Life) and is certainly one of Clackamas District's most knowledgeable and oldest tenure members. Pat became a member of Sunny Hills after the Palisades Garden Club dissolved.

After George retired he shared his computer skills by 'typing' the Clackamas Clippings for several years, making name tags for conventions and giving a little help to those putting together the State Directory.

George is survived by Pat, his wife of 67 years, their children, Mark, Craig, Karen, Scott, Brian: six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Cards may be sent to:

Pat Wagner
17360 SW Alpine Way,
Lake Oswego,
OR 97034-6702



Directory Advertising

Bruna McBride, Chair

I will continue to Chair the Directory Advertising for one more year 2019-2021.

Thank you Brunna!

I plan to start the program at the Fall Board meeting in October 2018. Karen Varty has upgraded the form for the ads which we will put on the website after the Fall Board meeting. I would like to train someone else to take over before the next two years are completed.

**Please let Brunna know if you want to work with her
in the coming year receiving ads!**

(Editor)



Displays



Flower Show Judges Credentials

Cece Delfs, Chair

Being the OSFGC Credential Chairman the last two years has been challenging and educational. I almost wish I hadn't gone Emeritus several years ago. So much to learn. National Garden Clubs asked for an in-depth report on the status of our Oregon Judges and although it took a while, I was finally able to send the report. I did it on Excel and it indeed was a challenge to a senior citizen!

To date there are 22 Certified Master Judges in Oregon, along with 13 Accredited and Life Judges. Three judges asked for an extension last year and if they attend the OSFGC Symposium in November, they will have their credentials current.

This last year 2 new Judges have passed all their tests and are now accredited. Please keep your records current and in a place for reference.



Leach Botanical Garden

Janet Conley, Chair

Leach Botanical Garden is open as usual this summer with its normal educational opportunities for adults and youth alike. However, July marks a lot of obstructions for patrons. First, the 122 Avenue Bridge across Johnson Creek will begin replacement after a long wait for neighborhood residents and the Botanical Garden. This impacts the Garden by closure of the 122 Avenue parking lot and the two handicapped parking spaces and entrance drive at the Manor House—the construction crews will be using both for equipment and supplies. Another impact to the Garden is lack of weddings for the summer and fall, one of our greatest income makers. The scheduled completion of the 122 Avenue Bridge is November 30, 2018.

The planned improvements to the Upper Garden Phase I are also scheduled to begin this July. Among the planned improvements are a complete new “Children’s Garden”, a new Medical Plant Garden for John Leach’s interest, a semi-circular walk through the upper story of trees and a few other improvements, including paths and markers. Phase II will include a new Visitors Center and main entrance.

Our summer intern has begun her summer internship. I look forward to getting to know her. She is local and part of her stipend is derived from the Gary Simon Memorial Intern Scholarship.

Those of you living in Multnomah or Clackamas Counties who are looking for a place to volunteer, check out Leach Botanical Garden. You could be working with the gardener or curator, in educational programs, leading tours, work in the offices gift shop or hosting the Manor House as greeter and answering the phone. We can always use more volunteers. Check out the website for opportunities of classes, lectures and volunteer opportunities.

<http://www.leachgarden.org/>



Having Fun!

Recycling

Stan Chiotti, Chair

Due to the Chinese recycling import ban, there are some major changes taking place at various recycling centers. There are over 30 counties in the State of Oregon, and they all have their own set of new rules, so please check with your local centers to find out what you can or cannot recycle. As of June 1, 2018, Douglas County has banned all newspapers, plastic containers, plastic bottles, paper, glass, and cardboard.

Columbia County and Portland area centers did not go to such great extremes, but they did ban paper to-go containers, plastic clam shells, deli containers, and microwave containers. More important to all of you, Columbia County also banned all Rx bottles and lids. ** They do not want anything smaller than a fist in their recycling bins. Therefore, I am sad to say that I will no longer collect Rx bottles at various State and District meetings. These items will now be in your local land-fills for hundreds of years.

I still take used cell phones without sim cards, and used ink cartridges. For your own financial gain, most stores that sell ink cartridges will take used ones back with a small rebate towards your account. Finally, remember that if you are doing any major home remodeling, to take your used items to your local ReStores. I have a list of some 29 ReStores located throughout Oregon.

During Convention, Nicole Sanchez from **Klamath District** asked us to still save the Rx bottles because she and the **Oregon Bee Project** can use them for collecting bugs for the project. The bottles need to have lids!

Teams from all over the state are collecting bees for this project. As you gather quantities of bottles, get in touch with Nicole via email to determine how we will get them where they need to go:

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Ways and Means

Mall Boutique

Phyllis Olson, Chair



Convention Mall
\$729.05



Treasure Chest

Bernie Wood, Chair



Wish to Win,
Treasure Chest, and Silent
Auction at Convention
\$3,044.50



Alexandria Olson
'Alexi Klamathi'
and Bernie

Wish to Win,
Treasure Chest, and Silent
Auction throughout
2017/2018 \$567.00
Total: \$3611,50

Mall \$729.05
Nature's Garden \$35

Total Ways & Means \$4,375.55

Everyone did a great job in putting the fundraisers all together and making it possible for all to buy these great items. Nita



Wildflower Project

Lynn Chiotti, Chair

We are now in our third year of the Highway Beautification Wildflower project. Most of the Districts have participated in working with ODOT and planting several patches of NW Wildflowers along highways and in public places. We have encouraged our members and the general public to join in on this pollinator project that beautifies Oregon..

Last Convention, the Board gave the go-ahead to pursue the naming of the Trillium sp. as the Oregon State Wildflower. A committee representing the geographic area on both sides of the Cascades was charged with getting the names of organizations and contact people we could invite to join us in working on this legislation in the 2019 Session. I have met with my legislator for some guidance on how to draft a bill and get it assigned to committee for a hearing. I have the names of all the current members of both the House and Senate Rules Committee members. It will be important that we encourage all these Legislators to co-sponsor this Bill. This is just the opening step and we need your help. Unfortunately, we have not been very successful in gathering the names of organizations and contact people. Both tasks are important to our success.

I have a draft of possible legislation for the voting members of the OSFGC Board to review. We need to have this ready by the September Legislative Days when most proposals are up for committee review. But we need all of you to speak with your legislators soon to get their buy-in if we want to have a successful campaign.

We might be able to gather support at the September Event at the Oregon Garden with careful planning and willingness of members to speak up on this topic.

If we do not get some help from our clubs and members, we might have to consider dropping the “Trillium” part of the project. It is up to all of you. Check the list of legislators on the Rules Committees.

If one or more happen to represent your part of Oregon, please contact them personally. Show them the draft legislation and get their input. Do not be discouraged if they say no. I am always hearing that we already have a state wildflower – the Oregon Grape. Remind them that the Oregon Grape is a shrub, not a wildflower.



The Oregon Roadside Council

Marcia Kay Whitelock, Chair marciawhitelock@icloud.com

1. Hey! Garden Clubs! Support Gaye's Pollinator Project.
2. Buy 4 plants & Plant Them
3. Send Names of Plants & Location where planted.
4. Council will reimburse \$10 per plant = **\$40**
5. Questions?

Youth

Carolyn Olley, Chair

I am happy to report that this year we have six registered Youth Garden Clubs throughout the State. Our newest one, Sprouts Learning Garden, is sponsored by Coos Bay Garden Club and has an impact on 58 children!

Sprouts was started after I gave a brief presentation at a District Meeting. Not only did the Coos Bay Garden Club members listen to my “pitch” for starting a Youth Garden Club, but after their Youth Club was registered they applied for (and will be receiving) a \$100 grant to buy supplies for that new Youth Club.

Just so you know, I still have \$400 in grant money to give to registered Youth Garden Club applicants who fill out and submit the forms that you can find on the OSFGC website.

All of your clubs’ efforts, and your individual efforts, in support of Oregon’s youth are appreciated by the children themselves and their families as well.

Thank you!



FeederWatch in the Classroom Application

Thanks to a generous gift to FeederWatch from the Waud family in honor of their late wife and mother, **50 schools a year will receive a free FeederWatch membership**. Doris Waud, a long-time public school teacher, was actively involved in the creation of Classroom FeederWatch at the Cornell Lab, now known as BirdSleuth. In 2016, Doris lost her battle with cancer and her husband John and their sons wanted to honor her with a gift that would allow schools to participate in the project Doris loved and helped bring into so many classrooms.

Please fill out this short application by August 2018.

You will receive an email notification if your classroom is selected. The gift membership applies only to the 2018-19 FeederWatch season. If you have any questions, please e-mail pfwonline@cornell.edu.

Blue Mountain District

Cece Delfs, Director 2017-2019

To date there are only 3 clubs in the Blue Mountain District: Condon, Milton-Freewater and Umatilla/Hermiston. Many years ago, we had 10 Clubs. Our Clubs are separated by many miles and it is even hard to get together for a District Meeting. We are the only OSFGC District in Eastern Oregon. While we are far-between, all the Clubs are busy getting the word out about what the Clubs do and our goals.

Condon - The meetings are in Club member's homes; usually with a lunch. There are 10 members, with 2 new members. They care for the Mini-Park on Main Street in Condon, also a planter behind the Human Services building. Sponsoring a Yard of the Month is always met with popularity, with a sign in the yard and a picture and article in the local paper. A very successful plant sale was held in May. The club is planning to enter a float in the 4th of July Parade. Condon Garden Club also worked with the Condon Library in sending "The Saved Seed" book home in a bag with seeds, when it was checked out. They also support the OSFGC/NGC Penny Pines program.

Milton-Freewater - The meetings are usually held in the Milton-Freewater Community Building. At one time many, many years ago the Club owned the building, but then gifted it to the city and they can have their meetings and events there anytime. There are now 11 members in the Club, 3 are new members! The Club continues to keep up the garden at the Milton-Freewater Junior Livestock Grounds and also maintains the flower bed at the Blue Star Memorial Marker. A plant sale is held each April and is always quite successful!

Umatilla-Hermiston - There are 20 members of the Club, one is a new member this year! In March the Club held a Seed Exchange at the Hermiston Library. Baker Creek Seed Company donated 96 heirloom seed packets for the event, plus many other seed packets from members etc. There was a place for kids to color, displays, drawings and even an ice cream bar. There was a great turnout! A successful plant sale was held in May.

As District Director, I am talking to the Clubs about the Oregon Garden event in September. Hopefully, several will come to Silverton to attend the event!



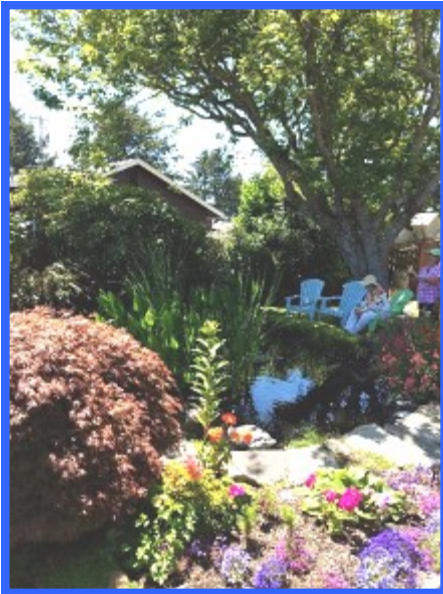
Pacific District

Judi Barkley, Director 2017-2019

Pacific District is on the central Oregon Coast. We are three Clubs with 45-50 members, so we are tiny. We have two District meetings per year, plus we have a Progressive Lunch/Garden Tour in July which is a popular event, and we hold the Lincoln City Flower Show every year.

Last June we had our Blue Star Marker refurbished and rededicated at the D River Wayside along Highway 101 in Lincoln City. Then, all winter, our Blue Star marker was surrounded by orange caution fencing, huge machinery, and equipment of all sorts. We feared for our marker! ODOT dug up the highway and the park as they prepared to put the power lines underground. At times it was impossible to tell if the marker was still there. This photo was taken in the spring, when the worst was over. It survived!

Here are some pictures from our Garden Tour and progressive lunch from last July. We had over 30 members attend, and it was a wonderful day.



Pacific District , continued

In August the 2017 Lincoln City Flower Show's theme was "Gardens Around the World."



At our Fall District Meeting we were honored to have our State President, Gaye Stewart visit us. She asked our Jenny Dahrens some questions about Garden Club, which ended up making us all laugh. Ocean Spray hosted and made the lunch.



Our Spring District Meeting was hosted by Depoe Bay. A photography contest was part of this meeting; numerous entries were judged by the manager of our local Shutterbug, Sean. I had really encouraged entries, and I was pleased with the number of photos.

Pacific District , continued

The Salmon River Club maintains the Otis Garden, and recently had a work day there, weeding, and planting a dwarf butterfly bush to add an attraction for the pollinators. The wild flower seeds planted last year came up and looked wonderful. They are also working with the Panther Creek Community Center where they meet to plant some butterfly bushes to attract pollinators.

Many of the Ocean Spray Club members also volunteer at the Connie Hansen Garden in Lincoln City: Coordinating volunteers; getting the building rented for weddings and other occasions; growing plants; editing the newsletter; and many other support functions. They are focusing on pollinators in that garden, adding new attractive plants. (Notice the bee on the lupine.) Ocean Spray has reached out to the Lincoln City Parks Department to find a location for a pollinator garden, but so far, no luck. We did share with them some good pollinators for our area, as they are on pollinator watch, too.



National Awards

Tommy Donnan Certificate of Merit for History

The Next Twenty Years of Federation

Marcia Kay Whitelock, Editor



Member Award of Honor

Tanja Swanson

Sponsored by Klamath District



Linda Nelson-Bentson Scholarship

William Charles Ortiz

Sponsored by Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs



2017 Youth Recycled Sculpture Contest

Piper Wagenblast

7th Grade—Honorable Mention



NGC Poetry Contest 2018-2019 "Pop Goes the Seed"

**Pop Goes the Seed. Pop Goes the Seed.
See how it grows, see how it grows.
With water and sunshine and loving care,
Causes the neighbors to really stare,
Might be a winner at county fair!
Pop goes the seed.**



Miss Molly and the
Alaska Delegation

Eligibility:

Special Education and English as a Second Language: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.
General Education: Kindergarten through Ninth Grade.

Deadline Date for Submissions – **December 1, 2018.** Club Winners must be sent to

Oregon State Chairman:
Saundra Rassi
21300 SE Bohna Park Rd.
Damascus, OR. 97089-8323

Contest Rules

1. All entries must be typed and titled.
2. Include name, address, age, grade, and school of participant on the back of entry.
3. Sponsoring Garden Club and State Garden Club name must also be identified.
4. Sponsoring Garden Club may be that of a grandparent.
5. All entries become the property of National Garden Clubs, Inc.
6. Poems do not have to rhyme.
7. Poems may be traditional verse, acrostics, blank verse, cinquains, diamond poems, limerick, or Haiku.

Pacific Region Awards

State Publication

The Next Twenty Years of Federation
First

Newsletter or Official Publication

Eugene Garden Club, Oregon
First
Pioneer District, Oregon
First
Mahonia OSFGC
First

Yearbooks, State Yearbook/Directory

2017-2019 Directory OSFGC
First

Under 20 members

Petal Pushers Garden Club 1st 20-29 members
First
Northside Garden Club
Third

45-69 members

Beaverton Garden Club
Honorable Mention

Youth Poetry

Damian Burnett, Klamath District, Ferguson School, 1st - Grade 2
Luke Balzotti, Klamath District, Henley School, 1st - Grade 3
Lillion Beegle, Klamath District, KCSD TAG, 1st - Grade 5
Piper Wagenblast, 3rd - Grade 7

Smokey Bear Poster Contest

Kathleen Convoy, Condon Garden Club, 3rd - Grade 5

Woodsy Owl Poster Contest

Sadie Nguyen, Chehalem Garden Club, 2nd - Grade 1
Ruby Vecman, Chehalem Garden Club, 2nd - Grade 2
Spencer Olander, Chehalem Garden Club, 2nd - Grade 3
Lando Nguyen, Chehalem Garden Club, 3rd - Grade 5



Dear Gardening Friends,

Thank you to everyone who came to the Convention to
"Take a Walk In Our Garden"
and helped out in some way.

We hope you enjoyed your stay and learned something new and
most of all had fun.

Hope to see you back for a visit soon.

Joli & Trudie and Santiam District.



Next Year Come:

Work,

Learn,

Laugh

Share

Meet (new) Friends, and

Relax at the Ranch!

Running Y Ranch

Klamath Falls

June 10-13-2019



Invitation to Fall Board Meeting at
Surftides Resort in Lincoln City

October 7-8, 2018

There's a meeting about which I'd like to sing
But I'll spare your ears!
It's about the Fall Board meeting
In October at the beach.

The Pacific District will be hosting
Where the beach beckons
For you to have a fling
And the views take the breath away.

Listen to the sounds of the ocean calling
"Come, my friends, come"
To where the sea breeze is blowing
And the gulls fly by.

In Lincoln City there are many things
To see: The Connie Hansen Garden,
The Outlet Mall for shopping
And the casino for those who wish to go.

There is always beachcombing,
On our 7 miles of beaches,
Perfect spots for bird-watching
Or perhaps a bonfire suits you best.

At this October gathering
Of the OSFGC Board
We'll be Garden touring;
And holding workshops, too.

Join us for the Fall Meeting
Of our Board of Directors
Where we will be gathering
Because, "Life is Better at the Beach"

Judi Barkley, Director Pacific District

Calendar of Events

2018

OSFGC Fall Garden Fair: September 22-23, Oregon Garden, Silverton

OSFGC Fall Board Meeting: October 7-8, Pacific District

NGC Fall Board Meeting: September 25-30, Orlando, FL

2019

OSFGC Spring Board Meeting: March 3-4, 2019 Portland District

Pacific Region Convention: April 6-10, Van Nuys, CA

NGC Convention: April 30-May 5, Biloxi, MS

OSFGC 92nd Annual Convention: June 9-12, Klamath District

NGC Fall Board Meeting: September 18-20, St. Louis, MO

"Come Grow With Us!"

September 22-23

10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Enjoy and celebrate these special events:

- * A judged flower show
- * Horticulture display featuring plants from all over Oregon
- * Floriculture display
- * Live display beehive
- * Daily workshops for children and adults
- * Guest presentations and demonstrations
- * Plant vendor faire
- * Interesting displays

Pre-sale Oregon Garden Tickets available soon which cover all events. Information is available at: www.oregongarden.org.

*The Oregon State Federation
of Garden Clubs*

Presents

Fall Garden Fair

September 22-23, 2018

At

The Oregon Garden

Silverton, Oregon

I am proud that we were again given a Pacific Region award for our Newsletter. We got the award because you all do amazing activities in your Clubs and Districts!

Would you like to take over this important and rewarding job next June? Just seven issues of the Mahonia were sent out this year. As the editor of the Mahonia you get to see first-hand what our Garden Clubs all over our State are doing! Being the editor is very rewarding! It is a fun job if you like working with computers.

Not all your recent reports fit into this Mahonia. I'll try to publish another Mahonia before I leave for Holland in August. Please send me updates, articles and pictures by **July 25!**

I can also use your up to date pictures on our **OSFGC Facebook page**. Please check it out and "Like" our page. It is pretty embarrassing that only 85 people follow our page... If you want to help put content on the page, please let me know and I can make you an Administrator. Be sure you have signed photo release forms if you use pictures of people.

During Convention I awarded Jaye Weiss with a "Golden Screwdriver." She is the perfect proof reader! A "Golden Screwdriver" award also was presented to Darby Walker for always being ready to send out the Mahonia to all of you!

Thank You all!

Assistant Editor: Jaye Weiss

Most Convention Photographs: Renata Stanko (Thank you!)

~The soul cannot thrive in the absence of a garden ~

Thomas Moore

Submitted by Garnet Ascher

