

# *The Mahonia*

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## Winning Tips

### What works in your Garden, Club, District?

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

Repair a **leaky garden hose**: If your garden hose springs a leak, find the hole and insert a toothpick in it; cut off the excess part of the toothpick. The water will make the wood swell, plugging up the leak.

**Capture earwigs**: Cut an old garden hose into 12-inch lengths, making sure the inside is completely dry. Place the hose segments where you have seen earwigs crawling around and leave the hose overnight. By morning the hose(s) should be filled with earwigs ready for their final resting place – a bucket of kerosene.

A **crack** in a clay flowerpot can be filled with a piece of well-chewed gum.

**Clean flowerpots** without water: An empty dirty pot can be cleaned for reuse by sprinkling in a little salt and scrubbing off the dirt with a stiff brush. Handy if your potting bench is far from a water source.

**Clean up** after gardening: Save leftover slivers of soap and place them in the foot section of an old nylon stocking and knot the top. Hang this soap filled stocking next to your outdoor faucet.

Protect a **bird feeder**: Spray a generous amount of WD-40 on top of the feeder. Pesky squirrels will slide right off.

**Shovel snow** more efficiently: Spray a thin layer of WD-40 on shovel blade and the snow will slide right off.

**Animal deterrent**: Dog hair or human hair placed on the interior perimeter of a compost bin will keep critters from being attracted to your pile. Also half-inch chicken wire placed underneath will keep them from tunneling under and in.

*These tips were submitted by Pamela Hargreaves*



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## From the President's Desk Shirley Schmidt

OSFGC President 2015-2017

*"Nurture Nature – Nurture Friendships"*

Oregon's members are catching on to the challenge of "Share the Bounty – Tip the Scale." At our Fall Board Meeting members brought a collection of several hundred pounds of produce that we donated to a local food pantry at the conclusion of our meeting. It was a well-received blessing!

Thanks to both our NGC President and Pacific Region Director's emphasis on children, our members have approved a World Gardening project to gather our coins and dollars to participate in providing food for children in a school in Africa. Our goal is \$.25 meals for a classroom of 20 students for two years to equal \$1800.00. This President thinks this is a very worthy and attainable undertaking.

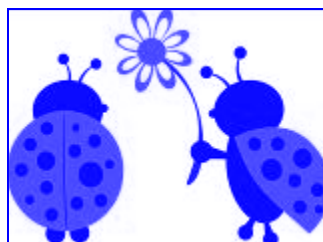
Our first Board Meeting found us enjoying the beautiful surroundings and lodging at the Gardens of Enchantment in Portland where many of our members provide care and nurturing of the gardens. Bob and Evelyn Mell have donated countless hours for many years and were presented with a President's Citation. This Garden was created for those who are blind and addresses the senses, with a portion adapted for each of them. We have donated funds to this Garden for many years, and most of our members had never visited there before, so this made an exceptional setting for our meeting. We also planted a Dawn Redwood tree to memorialize the event.

The Oregon Garden is the setting for our next Board Meeting on March 14.

**Ya'll come!!!**

In friendship,  
Shirley Schmidt

**About Gardening News From the OSU Extension Service:** The Extension Service provides a variety of gardening information on its website at <http://extension.oregonstate.edu/community/gardening>. Resources include gardening tips, videos, podcasts, monthly calendars of outdoor chores, how-to publications, and information about the Master Gardener program.



## Executive Reports

### 1st Vice President-Membership

Gaye Stewart 2015-2017 phone # 503-510-4370

### New Beginnings...

I love new beginnings! January brings resolutions for the New Year. Folks set new, personal goals for themselves to accomplish while the excitement of a new beginning spurs them on – to what they hope is success!

Our great organization has the same new beginning – the new opportunity to achieve a goal to grow your Club or your District. Our State membership is currently 2,562, including new members. Let's set a goal to increase our membership to 3,000 by the June Convention – 2016! We can do it!!! Here are some reminder tips:

1) For new members joining your Club, go to the Oregon Garden Clubs.org website, click "forms" and download the New Member Certificate to present to them. It's easy, quick to do, and they'll appreciate the recognition.

2) The Walter and Marian Allen District Membership Plaque will be awarded at State Convention in June to the District with the largest percentage of membership increase during the current fiscal year as determined by the State Treasurer and the new dues received.

3) Contact a community plant society to invite them to join OSFGC. The information is located in our Bylaws Article IV Membership, Section 3, Page 89 and describes Affiliate Membership and its privileges.

4) Invite me to visit your District to share "The Question...The Answers" on the benefits to belonging to the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. Members and guests at your meeting will be amazed at the personal opportunities to learn and share, as well as the Community Outreach Projects!

5) If you know of a "Flower Club" not part of OSFGC, please notify me so I can personally extend an invitation, or visit them, to share what we do and encourage their membership.

Think about it...a New Year and a New Beginning! Invite your friends to join us in creating beauty, protecting our environment, and "becoming caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife!"

Let's build our TEAM! We've much to do!



## 2nd Vice President

*Tanja Swanson*

### Publicity Contest

How often are your Garden Club activities published in your local paper? Does your District have a member who publicizes your events and accomplishments? You know the more you are mentioned in the paper the more you will be recognized in your community.

Let's have a little contest, the District with the most articles (Divided by the number of Clubs in your District) will get one of my Golden Screwdriver Awards during the 2017 Convention! You send (e-mail) me copies of articles in your local paper and I will make a display for Convention. Please show from which Club and which District and in which paper.

I hope I will get lots and lots of PR pieces! And of course I can put some of them in the Mahonia also!

### News Media Assistance

NGC Media contacts can help the media develop stories by arranging interviews with local, regional or national experts on timely NGC projects. We can provide the latest information on National Garden Club activities related to home gardening, low-maintenance landscaping, sustainability, conservation, environment, ecology, education, native plants, philanthropy, volunteerism and floral design.

For assistance, please contact:

Patricia Binder, PR and Marketing Communication Phone: (636) 441-0022

E-Mail: [pbinder@binderpr.com](mailto:pbinder@binderpr.com) Website: [www.binderpr.com](http://www.binderpr.com)

## Corresponding Secretary

*Cheryl Drumheller*

It was my pleasure to meet so many wonderful gardeners at the October 5, 2015 Board of Directors meeting in Sandy. We walked through the Gardens of Enchantment, learned at the meetings, ate delicious food and had fun!

I want to especially thank Karen Varty and Kathryn Israelson for assisting at the registration desk. They were a tremendous help to me!

As you fill out the registration form for the Board of Directors meeting, March 14th in Silverton, and are giving a report, remember to e-mail your report to President Shirley Schmidt,

[shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com) and Mahonia Editor, Tanja Swanson, [mahonia.editor@gmail.com](mailto:mahonia.editor@gmail.com).

Recording Secretary, Laurie Baker, prefers to receive one copy of the written report at the meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to give a report, please e-mail the report to Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl Drumheller, [mscrdrumheller@msn.com](mailto:mscrdrumheller@msn.com) and Recording Secretary, Laurie Baker,

[lauri.baker@comcast.net](mailto:lauri.baker@comcast.net)

If you write a check to pay for your reservation, please ensure your check is written correctly payable and the registration form is filled out completely. This makes my job easier.

District Directors, please let me know if any of your clubs elect new officers for the 2016-2017 term. I need to provide all new presidents' names to the National Gardener; The Pacific Region's newsletter, the Waconiah; and to the Mahonia Circulation manager.



When sending a check to me for anything, please use the appropriate forms on the Website: [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org). If for some reason you cannot access those forms or don't have a computer, please do one of the following: Contact a club member who can get the forms for you, contact me, or send at least 1/2 of an 8-1/2 by 11 sheet of paper telling me what you are purchasing. It is very hard to file small sheets of paper or keep track of them for filing **and it is essential that we have a paper trail for all transactions so the review committee understands what we have done financially.** Currently, I am receiving all kinds of small notes and sometimes just a check. I must then make copies so we have paperwork that files easily and won't get lost. Kudos to those who are sending the appropriate forms along with their checks.

We are currently in the process of revising the Treasurer's Remittance Form. It will be available on the website by the time you receive this and includes spaces for items other than Dedicated Fund entries such as the Newsletter Subscriptions, Photo Calendars and Note Cards and a place for other donations or purchases. I hope this helps as well with your bookkeeping. Anytime you have questions, do feel free to call me or e-mail me. My phone number is [503-393-0660](tel:503-393-0660) and e-mail is [nlwood2@comcast.net](mailto:nlwood2@comcast.net).

Reminder to Club Presidents and Treasurers: If your club has gained new members since you last paid dues, please remit the additional dues and number of new members to Nita Wood, OSFGC Treasurer by March 10th and use the Remittance Form found on our website at [oregongardenclubs.org](http://oregongardenclubs.org).

Some of you may know or have heard that my address has once again changed. I moved to a larger apartment at Avamere, so just my Apartment Number has changed from **2011** to **2013**.

Thanks in advance for your help in making my job easier.



*Forget-Me-Not*

*Kudos and Thank You's to  
Carolyn Olley for her many visits and gift  
surprises to the Sunny Hills Junior Garden  
Club. The children especially liked her  
spending time with them pulling weeds, raking, and  
planting seeds.*

*Saundra Rassi, Club Leader*

## President's Project

Lucy Chambers, Chair

### Share the Bounty - Tip the Scale

Let's not forget our **President's Project** to collect 405,000 lbs of food over President Shirley Schmidt's 2015-2017 term. Remember that's approximately 150 lb per each of our 2700 Garden club members. Have you reached your goal?

Over the past six months (July 1 - December 31, 2015) our own Madame President, Shirley Schmidt, has reported 120+ lbs since she took office on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Central Point's 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, Ann Close in Siskiyou District, reports monthly in their Club newsletter, 250+ lbs. so far, Sherry Cossey, OSFGC District Director Coordinator, has reported donating pumpkins and squash, Jim in Coos Bay and Joan Johnson with Rogue District reported over 1000 lbs. donated so far. Tanja Swanson, our OSFGC 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, has reported Klamath Districts donations of 3,402 lbs. of produce over this past six months. Susan Finley with Grants Pass Garden Club in Siskiyou District reported donating 261 lbs to local food sites following their Dec. 5th Christmas Party and her personal donation of 68 lbs. I, too, have donated 68 lbs. of food to facilities in Grants Pass. That's 5,184 lbs of food donated since October. Add that to our reported numbers in October at the Fall OSFGC Board of Directors meeting of 5797.61 lbs for a total to date of **10,981.61**. We can do this. Valentines day is coming up so do something sweet and healthy for someone less fortunate.



Thank you all for doing your part to help feed the reported one in six people in Oregon who struggle with hunger.

Please continue to report your numbers to your club President, your District Director or to me. Donations should be made up of food. Distribute to your local food bank, soup kitchen or shelter. Donations of canned or boxed goods, fresh produce, or an extra bag of food from the store are all acceptable donations.

Remember: *Many food banks do not take expired items, so check those expiration dates.*

I know I forgot some of you in this report so please save those numbers for the Spring State BOD meeting to add to our on-growing numbers.



*To Charlene Mutschler:  
For help and encouragement when  
Flower Show School, Course III occurred.  
from  
Garnet Ascher*

## Committee Reports

**Arboreal**     *Kathy Lombardo, Chair*

### Winter Thoughts of Trees

Oregon gives a magnificent display of fall color, and a glorious show of spring flowers, but what is happening in the winter? The birds, migratory and stay-at-home, the squirrels and other small animals. The trees we keep and the trees we plant help the wildlife during the cold months. Any of the flowering trees that hold their fruit/seeds are the best additions. Dogwood seeds are a good source of calcium, which helps make eggshells stronger. There are so many varieties of crabapples, hollies and serviceberries to choose from, for fruit. Birch trees hold their seeds well, attracting huge flocks of tiny birds. The river birch have winter interest, with their shaggy, peeling bark. Look at a single seed of a white birch. What do you see, but a replica of a tiny bird footprint. Sapsuckers will often peck at the bark of birch and maple trees for the sap. The holes fill with sap, which attract hummingbirds, and insects, which become protein for many kinds of birds. Every tree is good for wildlife, in one way or another, although some are frowned upon in some cities as nuisances. The scale of the trees in the landscape should be considered. For example, don't plant trees that will grow large, under power lines, or where they will eventually tower over your house. There are usually smaller varieties, or dwarfed trees, with similar qualities. As we humans continue to alter habitat, it becomes more important for each of us to do what we can, to help.



## Picks for Plants with Berries for the Birds

Birds need a lot of energy to make it through cold nights. They can't eat during the night and they burn off whatever food calories they find during the day. Fortunately, birds have feathers – the ultimate down jacket. They fluff them and huddle together to reduce heat loss, and shivering keeps muscles warmer. For all that, they still need the right foods for energy production. A few insects remain, flying around or hiding under moss and lichen, ripe for the picking. Some plants, like thistle, hold on to seeds that birds fit into their diet. Plants with berries full of good fat provide necessary nutrients, too. Take a look at these suggestions and consider adding some berry bearers to your garden.

Dana Sanchez's picks for plants with berries for birds:

**Oregon grape** (*Mahonia aquifolium*) breaks out in brilliant yellow flowers in mid-winter that leave behind bunches of blue-black berries. The state flower of Oregon grows to an erect 6 feet tall and 5 feet wide. Hardy to Zone 5.



**Beautyberry** (*Callicarpa bodinieri*) was named for a reason: The exquisite violet to purple berries in mid-winter stop people in their tracks. This shrub puts on a good display at the back of the border where its 6-by-6-foot stature has room to develop. The cultivar 'Profusion' exhibits an especially abundant amount of berries. Hardy to Zone 5.

**Snowberry** (*Symphoricarpos albus*) is recognized for distinctive clusters of white berries that last well into winter. At 5 feet tall and 6 feet wide and rather rangy, snowberry makes a great choice for a bird-friendly hedgerow and its vigorous roots will help with erosion control on slopes. Hardy to Zone 3.



**Himalayan honeysuckle** (*Leycesteria formosa*) takes some room to accommodate its 6-foot height and width, but it's more than worth the space. Long inflorescences of white flowers with purple bracts hang from the shrub for an extended time in summer and fall and are followed by berries that start out green, turn deep red and then purplish black with all three colors on the plant at once. Hardy to Zone 6.

**Pacific wax myrtle** (*Myrica (Morella) californica*) is an evergreen that grows up to 30 feet at maturity, making it a popular option for a screen or small tree in the garden. A Pacific Northwest native, wax myrtle presents purplish berries in fall that persist into the winter months. Hardy to Zone 7.



**About Gardening News From the OSU Extension Service**

### Easy! Cheap! Magic!

This unusually mild winter and long, hot summer produced excessive algae growth in our birdbaths and pond. We tried many products and employed every suggestion anyone shared to solve the problem. All the while I continued research seeking a solution that would efficiently maintain clean birdbaths and correct the problem of excessive pond algae growth and recover balance in the pond, with very little success.

I had to use a wire brush on a cordless drill to scrub the algae out of the birdbaths. No amount of product maintained clear pond water. Then I discovered the miracle of over-the-counter **3% hydrogen peroxide solution!** Hydrogen peroxide is safe for birds, animals, plants and is even beneficial for pond fish. To treat birdbaths: Begin by swishing dirty water out of your birdbath and refilling with fresh water, adding about a capful of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution a couple of times a month. It really is just that easy!

We strive to maintain an organic balance of beneficial bacteria using good filtration and aeration in our over 3,000 gallon pond, but this year the pond was over-come with excessive algae growth. Cautiously, I added a quart of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution a week to the pond. There are no specific statistics for exact amounts to use. A significant improvement occurred after I had added three gallons of 3% hydrogen peroxide solution to the pond. Treating the pond three times, about three gallons total of the peroxide solution, using the described method, has corrected the excessive algae growth problem in our pond.

I will add a serious word of caution here: Hydrogen peroxide kills ALL bacteria so it is vitally important to reintroduce beneficial bacteria back into your pond after treating it with 3% hydrogen peroxide solution, and continue good filtration and aeration practices. We have had very good success using a product called One Fix Natural Water Clarifier with natural bacteria by Crystal Clear, being careful to read and follow all label instructions, to ensure maintaining clear water and beneficial bacteria, safely.



<http://thebackyardnaturalist.com/wordpress/wild-birds-winter-water/>

### The OSFGC Welcomes!

Smith Garden of the Portland Chapter of the American Rhododendron Society,  
and the  
Cascade Nursery Trail

2 new Affiliate Clubs who've joined since the October State Board Meeting.

*“Giving frees us from the familiar territory of our own needs by opening our minds to the unexplained worlds occupied by the needs of others”*

*Barbara Bush*

Historical Homes/museums - Several clubs in the Clackamas District decorate rooms at the Steven-Crawford house for Christmas, supply floral arrangements when open for special occasions, help maintain their gardens, and act as hostesses.

Military - Provide unused greeting cards, snacks, care packages for troops over-seas, food bank for local military families.  
War dogs-Mission K-9 rescue (Organization that brings K-9 dogs that are left behind, home and reunited with their trainer) [missionk9rescue.org](http://missionk9rescue.org)

Church - Youth garden clubs, community gardens, food pantries, clothing for other countries.  
Community gardens-seeds, plant starts, resource books.

Food banks and local food pantries.

Conservation- Solve: <http://solveoregon.org/>  
Forest service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/>  
Penny Pines, (see next page) Wilderness International

Youth- Department of Health and Human Services- Nurse-Family Partnership  
Children's center- (Child abuse Intervention) [childrenscenter.cc](http://childrenscenter.cc)  
Madonna's Center (Helping teen parents without essential support)  
[madonnascenter.org](http://madonnascenter.org)  
Ant Farm- Sandy, Oregon- [Sean@woape.com](mailto:Sean@woape.com)  
4-H Clubs.



## Penny Pines

### Saving Forests \$68 At a Time



(From the NGC website)

NGC and the USDA Forest Service are proud to have formed a partnership sustaining our National and urban forests through this reforestation/forest education program.

Your Garden Club can participate in a meaningful and practical conservation project by contributing \$68.00 to a Penny Pines plantation as part of the costs of replanting trees indigenous to a particular damaged area. Whether by fire or by other natural catastrophe, pine trees and other trees are replaced. You may designate a specific State you wish to have benefit from this contribution.

Under a Conservation agreement, the Forest Service will do the planting, using your donation together with Federal funds, and will provide to the plantation the same protection from fires, insects, and disease given other forested areas. The plantations are a part of the regular National Forest reforestation program planted on burned-over and brush-covered areas which are potentially productive timberlands. Planting sites are selected by the Supervisor of each National Forest. These plantations provide soil protection, watershed protection, soil stabilization, future harvestable timber, as well as beauty and shade for recreation.

States, regions, districts, clubs and/or individuals may participate in this program by donating in multiples of \$68. A \$68 donation may be made in honor or in memory of ONE individual, organization or theme.

Some history from the California Forest Service website.

#### **Why the Penny Pines donation is \$68.00**

The program started in California in 1941. Seedlings could be produced for about one cent each. Approximately 680 seedlings were used to plant a typical acre. For \$68.00, seedlings for ten acres could be purchased. Site preparation and planting costs were met through regular Forest Service appropriations. The Penny Pines program was so successful that money contributed to purchase seedlings soon far exceeded appropriated funds available for site preparation and for the actual planting job.

In 1964, the original cooperative agreement was rewritten to provide that funds contributed under the Penny Pines program be used for reforestation, rather than solely for purchasing seedlings.

#### **How Penny Pines helps the National Forest**

Over the years, groups have contributed more than a million dollars to the Penny Pines Reforestation Program.



Picture by Andrew Kornylak

## Evergreens in Containers, A to Y

For year round beauty and elegance, container grown evergreens are excellent choices. They fit well into the background and are moveable any time of the year. Evergreens blend well with any type of plantings, either in a container or in the ground.

An evergreen grown in a container is a commitment, so both must be carefully chosen. A container must have durability and consideration of size when plant is mature. Will it withstand freezing weather, high winds or other extreme weather conditions? Choices may be made from wood, brightly colored plastics, ceramics, pottery, brick, stone or that interesting item you found at an antique/second hand store. Evergreens themselves are also varied.

This is a partial list of some hardy selections, A to Y.

Arborvitae, dwarf types with scale-sized foliage.

Barberry (*Berberis*). Glossy and thorny. Sun, part shade.

*Euonymus*. Excellent variegated forms. Sun, part shade.

Compact Cherry Laurel. (*Prunus laurocerasus*) Glossy dark foliage. Tender in higher elevations.

*Yucca*. Dramatic, spike-like-effect blooms and foliage. Sunny and dry.

Use any good soil mixture in planting, but be certain the holes in the container bottom are large enough to drain well. Enlarge them if necessary; check the ingredients on mixture as this may be a good time to add some long lasting fertilizer. Skip this step if not needed.

Planting time is the fun time. Put plant firmly in place. As it will seem too small for the container, this is the perfect time to add some additional fillers and spillers. Choose plants with like-needed conditions and varied forms and colors. Enjoy!



<http://hiddenhillsgarden.com/blog/?p=3753>



OREGON STATE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
STATE PRESIDENT SHIRLEY SCHMIDT

FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL IV  
Sponsored by  
PORTLAND COUNCIL OF ACCREDITED JUDGES  
MARCH 29, 30, & 31 for testing  
Christ United Methodist Church  
12755 N. Dogwood St., Portland

Horticulture Instructor will be: David Robson, Illinois - Flower Show Procedure, Heuchera's, small bulbs, collections & displays on March 29.

Design Instructor will be: Char Mutschler, Oregon

Functional and Exhibition Tables designs, small/miniature designs.

March 30

Lunch/snacks provided daily.

You do not have to test, come to learn, one day or two.

Master Gardeners can earn their credits during this course.

Contact us for more info: Chairman: Garnet Ascher 503.292.4460

Registrar: Phyllis Olson 541-467-2601 bloomsgreens@gmail.com

Char Mutschler, FSS Advisor

Come join us whether you are taking the course for credit or not. You can come one day or both days, your choice. Master Gardeners can earn their credits during this course. Lunch is included as well as snacks.

Course full time cost \$115.00

March 29 only \$55.00

March 30 only \$55.00

March 31: TESTING

REFRESHER Check # \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle choices Please**

#### NEARBY HOTELS

Hilton Garden Inn 888-370-0984

Fairfield Inn 503-972-0048

## FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL IV

EXAMS: THERE ARE 3 written exams

1. Horticulture
2. Design
3. Flower Show Procedure

Each exam has 9 questions/subquestions from the Handbook for Flower Shows with the 10th question from Required Reading books.

### REQUIRED READING LIST

National Gardener

Handbook for Flower Shows-Horticulture & Procedure \*Chapters 1,2,3,4,5,6, 12 & 14 plus the selected plant groups .

Design\*Chapters 3,8,9,10,14 and Table setting for all seasons (Wood & Smith) plus the other selected topics .

Hortulana (Heber)

Horticulture Exhibiting and Judging

Designing by Types (Osborne)

Recommended Reading: Plants and their respective families

### **Approximate Daily Schedule**

#### Tuesday March 29, 2016

7:30~8:00 am. Registration check-In  
8:00am~8:15 Welcome/Announcements  
8:15 ~9:15 Flower Show Procedure  
9:15~9:45 Horticulture  
9:45~10:am Refreshment Break  
10:00~11:30 Horticulture  
11:30~12:15 Lunch Break  
12:15~1:15 pm Horticulture  
1:15~1:30 Refreshment Break  
1:30~3:00 Practice Point Scoring  
3:00~5:00 Written Point Scoring

#### Wednesday March 30, 2016

7:30~8:00 am. Registration check-In  
8:00am~8:15 Welcome/Announcements  
8:15 ~9:15 Flower Show Procedure  
9:15~9:30 Refreshment Break  
9:30~11:30 Design Lecture  
11:30~12:15 pm Lunch Break  
12:15~1:15 Design Lecture  
1:15~2:45 Practice Point Scoring  
3:00~5:00 Written Point Scoring

#### Thursday, March 31, 2016

7:30~8:00 am. Registration check-In  
9:00 ~ NOON Written Exams

### FLOWER SHOW SCHOOL IV

March 29, 30, 31, 2016

Registration Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone #

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail

Check \$115.00 to OSFGC INC  
Send registration form and check

Phyllis Olson

80840 Dufur Valley RD

Dufur, OR 97021

541-467-2601

bloomsgreens@gmail.com

## Gardener of the Year 2016

Who would be a good candidate for *Gardener of the Year* in your area? It's the perfect time to begin thinking of a candidate. OSFGC wants to recognize **members** for their effort and work in gardening. It could be featuring a person with Fall gardening activities and then carrying it through the winter to spring.

The award will be presented to the winning candidates at the annual OSFGC convention 2016. All entries will be displayed at the convention. Listed are some of the Guidelines to help us select first, second, third and fourth place winners. Any individual, group of individuals or garden club may sponsor and submit an application / portfolio for Gardener of the Year.

1. The focus of the nominated individual is on gardening activities – at home, in a community garden, in public areas or elsewhere.
2. It can be developing a garden (any kind) from soil preparation to harvest, bloom or maturity. It can be activities of maintaining a garden through all seasons.
3. Other activities can be included:
  - assisting or leading a garden club in a gardening project
  - planting horticulture in city, county or state landscaping projects
  - establishing a new garden club
  - leading civic events such as junior gardening groups

Format: Tell the story of a true gardener with the following:

- 1) A written (typed) script about the person featured for *Gardener of the Year* on
- 2) 8 ½ x 11 pages with a maximum of 6 pages that contains script, illustrations and photos with captions. Any presentable format may be used.
- 3) Materials should be contained in a folder or have a cover for the presentation. The outside of the folder or cover is to have pertinent information – applicant name, garden club, city or address of applicant, month and year of presentation.

Mail (post) a portfolio of your candidate for “*Gardener of the Year 2016*” contest before the deadline for entries: 3 weeks before Oregon Convention date. Mail to: Char Mutschler, 280 Alice Avenue, S. Salem, OR 97302. Any questions, contact Char: 503-585-5023, email, [charfloral@comcast.net](mailto:charfloral@comcast.net)



## Garden Therapy

*Katie Smith , Chair*

As Oregon State Chair of Garden Therapy this year, I thought I would just toss out a few ideas for the garden clubs to try. Here is a list of "Garden Therapy Project Ideas". These are all projects that our garden club has used in the past so they are tried and true. If you have further questions you may contact me, Katie Smith at [541 476-3960](tel:5414763960). Leave a message, your phone number and your email address and I will make an attempt to help you in any way that I can.

### Leaf Prints: Learn to identify trees by their leaves.

Leaf prints can be made in the classroom with any grade level. It is fun for any age 3 to 83. It can be done outside or inside. Set up a table with newspapers to keep the table surface paint friendly. Gather oak, maple, birch and any other tree leaves in plastic bags with the tree identity on the bag. Leaves can be stored for several days if refrigerated. Printing can be on paper, card stock or fabric. Use appropriate paint for fabric. Greeting cards are best made on card stock. Try the card stock one time and make simple leaf ID pages on plain old paper another time. Make a binder of pages for leaf identification as a group project. Some children are very imaginative with colors. They will use pink, blue and metallic colors if you make them available and you will be surprised at how beautiful they are.

Mark the pages with the proper leaf ID and their personal names.

Adults like the greeting card projects and larger botanical specimens for framing. By the time you're done everyone will be able to identify 5 or more different species than when they came in the door. You can go as in-depth as you want with your audience, discussing whether the leaves are lobed, serrated, alternating vs opposing leaves on the stems. Information is readily available on the web or ask a knowledgeable speaker to be available to make the experience more informative.

*Look, learn to love nature and laugh together.*



## OSFGC 2016 Photo Contest

Photography Contest rules:

OSFGC, Inc. will have a state-wide photography contest. Photos must have been taken between January 1, 2015 and April 1, 2016. Photos can be digital or film photos, and should not be enhanced by any computer program other than conversion from color to black and white. Photos must be 8"x10" and matted, not to exceed 11"x14" inches. No framed photos will be accepted.

The categories are as follows:

1. Landscapes/Seascapes A. Color B. Black and White
2. Gardens A. Color B. Black and White
3. Floral A. Color B. Black and White
4. Birds, Butterflies, Insects A. Color B. Black and White
5. Pets A. Color B. Black and White
6. Wildlife A. Color B. Black and White
7. President's Choice: Frogs: Color or Black and White

Clubs should hold a local contest and choose a first place winner from each category. There is a possibility of 13 winning photos from each club. These first place winners will then be presented to their respective District representative to be judged at the District level. Districts will select the first place winning photograph from each category to be displayed and judged at the State Convention. Winner in each division at the state level will receive a certificate and ribbon.

Photos must have been taken by a **current OSFGC Garden Club Member** in good standing. On the back of the photo, tape a card with the following information. Do not write directly on the back of the picture.

*Example:*

**Name of Photographer:** Ima Photobug

**Contact info:** Phone number or email

**Garden Club and District:** Grants Pass Garden Club – Siskiyou District

**Date / Location of photograph** if possible: April 1, 2015, Disneyland

**Make and model of Camera** used: Nikon Coolpix 9500

**Type of media:** Film or Digital-Digital

**Category of entry:** Landscapes/Seascapes – Black & White

A stand of sufficient size on which to place an 11X14 mounted photo will be provided.

OSFGC would like to use the winning photos at the State Convention in a calendar and note cards. Photo contest entrants are asked to have a digital copy of their photo available and to sign a release allowing OSFGC to use their photos for the calendar and note cards and to post on the OSFGC web page.

For any questions, please contact Jeannette Rogers, Photography Contest Chair at (541)415-1035 or e-mail to hrsridr@aol.com.

## State Directory

### Edits that should be made in our beautiful Directory

p. 6 **President's Project "Share the Bounty – Tip the Scale"**

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**World Gardening – "Fill the Cup – Feed a Dream"**

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503.698.5305  
January 23

p. 15 **Clackamas National Flower Show Judges**

Delete Helen Forsythe, passed away in May  
Delete Martha Galash, retired from judging  
Delete Gail Gibbard, moved out of state

p. 31 **Flower Show School/Symposium**

Char Mutschler, Advisor (contact info is in the Directory)  
Symposium  
Co-Chairs: Linda Shamp, Michele DeWitz

p. 52 **Ways and Means:**

Remove "Chairman: Elaine Hill"  
Add: Treasure Chest – Barbara Reavis, Elaine Hill

p. 55 **NGC High School Essays**

Should read: "The essay must be between 600-700 words, with all words counted."

p. 63 **Clackamas District Garden Club Presidents:**

Delete Dolores Smith as Co-President, Oak Lodge

p. 75 **Siskiyou District**

Director: Jo Ann Miller  
Judges Council President: Grace Emori

p. 107 **Enid Briggs, May 3**

Flo Broberg, January 20

P.108 add Lucy Chambers see address on top and add November 11

p.112 Helen Ellis = [ellislh@innet.com](mailto:ellislh@innet.com)

p. 113 Pat Fifer, February 26

p. 116 Pam Hawkes = [hawkess@comcast.net](mailto:hawkess@comcast.net).

P. 118 Sylvia Ketch ~~13011~~ NE Stanton St

p. 119 Denise LeChevallier, June 30

p. 121 Carol Mastronarde, December 22

Leona McDonald, July 29

p. 122 Evelyn Mell, February 16

Jo Ann Miller. August 2

p. 123 Muriel Pagel, September 2

P. 131 Marcia Kay Whitelock new e-mail: [marciawhitelock@icloud.com](mailto:marciawhitelock@icloud.com)

Birthdays (Judges)

Marion Buckman	September 7
Joan Burkett	August 21
Mary Clinton	September 3
Donna Cotton	October 21
Phyllis Danielson	January 25
Helen Forsythe	July 11
Gail Gibbard	December 19
Gena Goddard	May 4
Lee Haynes	March 30
Dorothy Hedin	June 19
Linda Knight	October 23
Juanita Manley	September 10
Leona McDonald	July 29
Linda Stokes	September 5
Georgia Zahar	November 7

If you have suggestions for any information that needs to be adjusted, please send those to [shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com) and to *Mahonia* editor, Tanja Swanson: [mahonia.editor@gmail.com](mailto:mahonia.editor@gmail.com)

Look, learn to love nature and laugh together!

## World Gardening

National Garden Clubs, Inc. has sent this note regarding our World Gardening Project:  
*"Thank you so much for your gift of \$2,842 on July 21, 2015 that will go toward the works of global Partners, especially the water project in Pachoj, Guatemala bringing potable water to 828 people. We are so very grateful for the partnership of the Oregon Federation!"*



Because we supported water last term, this president is focusing on another physical necessity: food for the hungry – specifically children who are wishing to receive an education in Africa. A classroom of 20 will receive \$.25 meals during a school year = \$900.00. Our two year goal is \$1800.00. Please remember to pass the cup given to each club to

"Fill the Cup – Fulfill a Dream." It will be greatly appreciated.

In friendship,  
Shirley



World Food  
Program USA



"In the end, it's not the years in  
your life that count. It's the life  
in your years."  
~Abraham Lincoln

## OSFGC Youth Updates

It's been a busy Fall! The garden clubs throughout the State have been introduced to The Frightened Frog book. Many have purchased copies for their local schools and libraries...wonderful! Some members even bought copies to give to their grandchildren for Christmas (NOTE: They make great birthday presents, too!).

Clubs have also let us know they are working with the youth of our State. So far this year we have five registered youth groups. We've had two requests for registration-fee scholarships, too. I do hope that if you decide to sponsor a youth group this Spring, and you haven't sent in your paperwork, you'll consider applying for a scholarship and send in the asked-for documents (you can find them on the OSFGC website)...it's not too late!

The children of our State, their teachers and their parents, appreciate your support...however you can give it.

*Happy New Year everyone, I hope it's your best year yet!*

### **Get your Frightened Frog Book(s) at the Spring Board Meeting!**

Did you want a book? Didn't get one though? Or, need a few more? Need one for a birthday present? You are in luck!

There will be a limited number of books available at the Spring State Board Meeting held at the Oregon Gardens in March. Cost will be \$10 + postage.

Limited number! First come, first served! Get yours at the Spring State Board Meeting in March.

**Fred Meyer Community Rewards – OSFGC #91407**

Simply log on to the website: [www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com)

look for “Community Rewards” (in the left column)

sign in with your email address

create a password



*Forget-Me-Not*

*To Nancy Ebsen  
and Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
and Multnomah Garden Club in  
Portland District;  
For hosting Flower Show School, Course III  
From Garnet Ascher*

## Reports from Districts and Clubs

### Capitol District

*Sally Weathers, Director*

### Grandpa would have been proud

Weathers Park (Behind Toys “R” Us) in Salem sits on the ranchland once owned by Richard Weathers, grandfather of LeRoy Weathers. Leroy and his wife Sally belong to the Salem Area Garden Club, which was founded in 1941.

The Pacific Region Garden Clubs challenged all garden clubs in the region to plant shrubs and/or trees in public places, so Sally had an “Ah Ha” moment and put the two together.

In October several members of the Salem Area Garden Club planted two drought-resistant, yellow flowering shrubs, donated by Terra Gardens on Cordon Road, and also added stepping stones and bark dust, donated by the club to beautify the area in Weathers Park.

LeRoy said, “It feels great to do this for the public on what was Grandpa’s land. He offered to sell the land to my father for \$800.00 in the early 1940’s, but that was a lot of money back then and Dad couldn’t quite swing it. Lancaster was a gravel road in those days...” Sally and LeRoy live close-by still and are happy to have their last name on the street and the park.



### Klamath District

*Tanja Swanson, Director*

We have been busy as always....



Kids programs: In summer we do Third Thursdays in June, July and August, but this year we added the Scarecrow Row Festival at the end of October. We made peanut butter pinecone bird feeders with many, many dressed up kids.



Clubs: We welcomed the Klamath Tree League into our District. Just before Thanksgiving we worked together to plant a tree at one of our schools. Jamie Hawkins' sixth grade class at Stearns school got a lesson in tree planting and the kids got to help with everything from digging the hole to watering.



Northside Garden Club members got a permit and went into the forest as they do every year around Thanksgiving to cut boughs for making wreaths. The wreaths are always the biggest fund raiser at their bazaar the first week-end in December. This year it was a beautiful almost warm day under blue skies in the forest. So lucky as just a few days later it got real cold and started snowing. (and it never stopped)

The District also uses these boughs for making Christmas cups for home-bound library patrons. The flowers were provided by our local Fred Meyer.

Roxanne Moody who had been helping us get flowers for our different projects the last few years used to work for Safeway and then Haggen. Those stores closed and we were really lucky to find her at Fred Meyer and she found a way to get us enough flowers.



Diana Samuels, Bernie Wood,  
and Wanda Baker

We are looking forward to another busy year with fun and educational projects.

**Pioneer District**     *Stan Chiotti, Director*

*Happy New Year!!!*

This past Christmas season was great. As District Director I got to attend four Garden Club Parties: Chehalem, North Plains, St. Helens, and West Point. All did wonderful jobs, I'll be dieting for months.

The wettest December on record is behind us. Hopefully everyone survived all the flooding, mudslides, fallen trees, road blockages, and power outages. A lot of communities really took a beating. We were without power for 31 hours. (My wife says I've been in the dark for years!)

With the new year ahead of us, let us all continue to grow as individuals, making our clubs and district stronger and more fun being part of them. We need to grow as gardeners, and grow more Produce for sharing and plants that help endangered species. We need to strive to be good stewards of the planet Earth by limiting our use of pesticides, conserving our use of water, and planting new shrubs or trees. We **can** make a difference.

**This is worth sharing.**

The Columbia Feed and Electric in St. Helens donated over 1,200 packets of seed to the Columbia Pacific Food Bank Garden for 2016. These seeds will help provide food to the Local Food Bank, especially when combined with another donation of four pallets of boxes of seed received from another source. The vegetable seeds from the pallets have been saved for 2016 and the flower seeds have been given to various local gardens, including some for our wildflower plantings.

**Great things happen when people work together to help those in need!**

## Beaverton Garden Club

*Bruna McBride, President*

Beaverton Garden Club has been very busy with a variety of projects. In addition to the two schools with youth gardeners, we sponsor a Youth Garden Club at the Beaverton PAL which is a safe and affordable kids program aimed at building partnerships between youth, police, and the community through recreational, educational and enrichment programs designed to encourage and develop good citizenship and improve the quality of life in the community. It is a great after-school and summer-safe place for the children to be. The City of Beaverton donated an apple and pear tree for the garden we helped them build. The city crew helped the kids plant the trees and the kids kept them watered thru the summer and enjoyed the fruit. This is added to the blueberries and strawberries we have already helped them plant and each year we help them grow vegetable in the raised beds that have been built and filled with soil by the City crew.

At our December meeting we made 80 flower arrangements in Christmas mugs for the residents of one of our Retirement Centers. All mugs were filled with oasis and greens which were brought from members homes. We also had roses, chrysanthemums and baby's breath available.



Tree planting with the PAL program in Beaverton.

## MT. Hood District

### Odell Garden Club *Norma Curtis, President*

Four members of Odell Garden Club met with the youth group of Heart of Hospice in December. They made 60 mini swags for hospice patients and delivered them to Hood River County, The Dalles, Dufur and beyond.

Every Friday 2 members of Odell Garden Club go to The Heart of Hospice office and make bouquets from flowers that Safeway and Rosauers super markets donate. A wonderful Hospice here in Hood River.



Odell Garden Club: Kim Streit, Norma Curtis, (HOHO members Jennifer Furrow, Michelle Hobbs, Lisa Hobbs,) Jackie Shaw and Mary Graves. (They refer to the youth group as HOHO's.)

## Santiam District

### Grow and Show Garden Club *Keith Levin, President*

Meetings are at 7:00 p.m. the first Thursday of each month (except January & July) at:  
Center50+

City of Salem Senior Center

2615 Portland Rd NE, Salem OR 97301

[503.588.6324](tel:503.588.6324)

## History of Our Club

In 1961, a group of fourteen people met to discuss the need for an active garden club in Salem to grow plants and arrange the flowers grown and to beautify their yards. The club name truly explains two of the goals that have continued through the years – Grow and Show. The first meeting was held February 8, 1962.

Over the years, the club activities have been diverse: From large public fall flower shows and garden contests, trips to become aware of different flora, to being part of the Willamette Christmas Association and selling wreaths, swags, greenery and arrangements. The Christmas show was a large part of the club's primary fund raising.

Since 1988, our club has given the OSU Horticulture Department monies for scholarship awards to students studying Horticulture.

Last year, we celebrated 50 years of learning about horticulture and having great times growing and showing our flowers. We thank all of our founders for their vision and efforts to establish a club that has been actively involved in the community for these many years.

### Club Activities in the next few months:

\*February-Potluck and OSU Scholarship Winners recognition

\*March-Territorial Seed Co will be presenting their new varieties for 2016

\*April-Ellen Egan with Egan Gardens will come and talk about their new disease resistant impatiens and will have plants for sale.

\*May-Sam Pratt with Conifer kingdom. He'll be talking about 'Witches Broom' and will also have plants for sale. We will be going to tour Conifer Kingdom on Saturday, May 14, including a driving tour of local witches broom on the way from Salem to the nursery in Silverton.

We are gearing up for a great year of gardening, with committees already meeting to plan the year's activities. Our new Club President, Keith Levin is excited about coming up with fun ways to attract new members into our club, where we can all share our love of gardening!

Keith can be reached at [503-463-1359](tel:503-463-1359)

Email: [growandshow1@gmail.com](mailto:growandshow1@gmail.com)



# OSFGC Spring Board of Directors' Meeting – March 13 – 14, 2016

## Hotel Information



The Oregon Garden, Silverton, OR.  
895 West Main Street, Silverton, OR 97381  
1-503-874-2500

Lodging – All rates are subject to the prevailing taxes and fees, currently at 10%.

Single King               \$99.00

Double Queen           \$99.00

Unless otherwise stated above, extra person charge is \$15.00.

All guestrooms, including patio areas, are designated smoke-free.

Hotel check-in time is after 3:00 p.m. on the day of arrival.

Check-out time is 11 a.m. on the day of departure.

**Hotel guests receive complimentary admission to the Oregon Garden  
and complimentary hot American Breakfast buffet.**

To make online reservations, go to [www.oregongardenresort.com](http://www.oregongardenresort.com). Guests will be prompted for a Group Code, which is OSFGC. Password is also OSFGC. Or call this reservation number: 1.503.874.2500 Ext. 0

**Important – Cut-off date for reservations: February 13, 2016**

**Cancellation Policy: 3-three days prior notice** = no penalty by March 10, 2016

### **Additional Information:**

Alisha Leonard, Regional Director of Sales, sent answers to questions regarding our visit.

On Sunday, March 13, members may have access to the Garden even if they have not registered yet for their guest rooms. We guarantee check-in by 3 p.m. Guests just need to go to the Front Desk and ask for a key to enter the Garden. On Monday, March 14th, the Garden is open until 5 p.m. or dark.

If guests choose to come in on Saturday, March 12, 2016, or stay the night Monday, March 14, we will honor the same lodging rate. The Tram does not run the month of March.



**Sunday, March 13, 2016** Visit the Garden  
3:00 p.m. Tree Planting at the “Amazing Water Garden” by the Executive Committee  
3:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting – Orchid Room  
Dinner “on your own”  
7:00 p.m. Special Presentations in the Orchid Room  
“OSFGC plantings at the Gordon House” – Molly Murphy  
“What’s New at the Oregon Garden” – Ty Bolland  
“New Educational Program at the Oregon Garden” – Julie Woodward

**Monday, March 14, 2016**  
8:00 a.m. District Directors' Meeting – Orchid Room  
9:00 a.m. Board of Directors' Meeting – Orchid Room

**Registration Fee: \$25.00**  
Includes the use of the Meeting Room and a Buffet Luncheon  
Turkey Cobb Salad & Soup  
Rolls & Butter  
Assorted Dessert Bars, Cookies  
Coffee, Tea

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Please make the \$25.00 check payable to OSFGC, Inc. and mail it with this form to:  
Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl Drumheller  
2516 Ash St. North Bend, OR 97459-1639

All Board members (and guests) **MUST** make a reservation.  
**Registration Deadline: March 4, 2016.** No refunds after March 10.

Name\_\_\_\_\_Position\_\_\_\_\_

Board of Directors Assignment\_\_\_\_\_

Will you be giving a report? Yes\_\_\_No\_\_\_ Chairmanship/Topic\_\_\_\_\_

Please email reports to President Shirley Schmidt, [shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com](mailto:shirleyschmidt@yahoo.com) and Mahonia Editor, Tanja Swanson, [mahonia.editor@gmail.com](mailto:mahonia.editor@gmail.com). Recording Secretary, Laurie Baker, prefers to receive a paper copy of the written report at the meeting. If you are unable to attend and wish to give a report, please email the report to Corresponding Secretary, Cheryl Drumheller, [mascrdrumheller@msn.com](mailto:mascrdrumheller@msn.com).

**Remember to bring your BOUNTY for the President's Project:** “Share the Bounty – Tip the Scale.” Scales will be open Monday morning 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. in the Orchid Room.



## In Memoriam

Dear OSFGC members,

It is with a heavy heart that I must share with you that our dear friend, Suzy Twist-Powell passed away peacefully on December 2nd, 2015

Many of you will know that her greatest talent was her extravagant flair with floral design. She was the talent who created those gorgeous table arrangements at my Installation Banquet last June in Coos Bay.

Let's be thankful for the memories of all the wonderful things she touched in Garden Club.

We will miss her as our Siskiyou District Director and leader of Siskiyou Judges Council as well as keeping the records of our Flower Show Judges.

In friendship,  
Shirley



Note from your editor:

The last time I talked to Suzy she was very loving as always, but she was quite upset with me, because I had accidentally omitted to put her article in the Mahonia. We ended our phone conversation on a fun note though. She and I both loved this Middle Eastern store on the corner of Ball and Brookhurst in Anaheim, California!

Here is Suzy's article meant for the last issue:

*The gavel has been passed for the Siskiyou District and a new District Board is in place. We gathered in Coos Bay, OR. and enjoyed a fabulous convention.*

*Now the work begins. But let's not call it work; that is what we all did in our previous lives.*

*My goal as the newest Siskiyou District Director is to bring uniformity, cohesiveness and joy to our District. We have six clubs with just under 350 members. They are of varied ages, personalities and gifts. I am encouraging each member to do what is comfortable for them to help our District to grow and prosper; to beautify the Rogue Valley.*

*The Ashland Garden Club has a new project with their Heirloom Garden; Jacksonville continues to beautify the Britt; Medford with its numerous members works very hard to help the community; Grants Pass has numerous projects that have been brought to the table by the newly installed State President. These projects are keeping everyone on their toes. They continue with their very successful annual plant sale. The Illinois Valley Garden Club is constantly keeping their environment neat and clean with monthly walks to pick up debris from the highways; and their support of various other non-profits in the Illinois Valley support their common beliefs.*

*And finally the Central Point Garden Club with fewer than 25 members does so much for their community. At Easter time they fill 3000 eggs with candies, yes I said 3000. They support the Chapel with plants at the VA. I have asked their returning President, Lou Nally how her club gets all this done with such ease and grace. Her reply was; "I have the support of every member of my club." I think this is the secret to success.*

*I am very proud to be the Siskiyou District Director and have the association and companionship of these dedicated members.*

**Suzy Twist-Powell "Share your bounty, pay it forward, give anonymously"**



## National Parks

### Celebrating 100 Years of Service

From the National Park Foundation website:

On August 25, 2016, the National Park Service turns 100! The Centennial will celebrate the achievements of the past 100 years, but it is really about the future. It's about kicking off a second century of stewardship for America's national parks and for communities across the nation. Most importantly, it's about inviting you to join us.

The National Park Service and National Park Foundation are working closely with partners and stakeholders across the country to ensure that the Centennial is more than a birthday. We want people everywhere to embrace the opportunities to explore, learn, be inspired or simply have fun in their 407 national parks, as well as understand how the National Park Service's community-based recreation, conservation, and historic preservation programs positively impact their own communities.

In celebration of the upcoming National Park Service Centennial, the National Park Foundation and the National Park Service kicked off the Find Your Park movement to inspire all people to connect with, enjoy, and support America's national parks. We invite those who already know and love the parks and also the next generation of visitors, supporters, and advocates to join the movement at [FindYourPark.com](http://FindYourPark.com) and by using #FindYourPark on social media. We are excited for you to be a part of our second century of stewardship!

### National Parks and National Monuments in Oregon

Crater Lake National Park

Hells Canyon National Recreation Area

John Day Fossil Beds National Monument

Oregon Caves National Monument

Oregon Dunes National Recreation Area

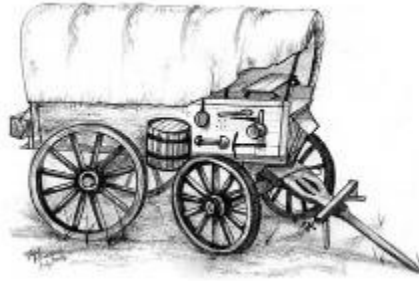
And just across the border in Northern California

Lavabeds National Monument

Have you been to any or all of these parks? Send the Mahonia your pictures! We will publish some of them in the upcoming issues depending on room.



Western Pasqueflower  
at Crater lake National Park



Odell garden club and some Mt. Hood District ladies were busy working on party favors for our Mt. Hood District meeting and 2016 OSFGC State Convention. It was snowing so hard but 20 ladies braved the icy roads to attend our workshop and meeting. I really appreciate our ladies and how they are always eager to come and help no matter what the weather.



## Pacific Region News

### 2016 Pacific Region Convention. April 5-7

#### "Beyond the Neon"

Green Valley Ranch Resort

There will be a Pre-Convention Tour to Boulder Dam and Lake Mead on April 4. Registration information is available on the website.

#### HOTEL INFORMATION

Green Valley Ranch Resort

2300 Paseo Verde Parkway

Henderson, NV 89052

**Reservations:** 866-782-9487

**Group Code:** GCIPRGC – Pacific Region Garden Clubs

**Cut-off Date:** Saturday, March 12, 2016

Standard King: Single/Double Rate \$150.00; Triple Rate \$175; Quad Rate \$200

**Double-Bedded Queen:** Double Rate \$150; Triple Rate \$175; Quad Rate \$200

For more information and registration form:

<http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org/>



Exerpt from our National President Sandra H. Robinson's message  
from the Winter issue of the "National Gardener"

We, as gardeners, have the choice to make a difference. It is easy to get caught up in the rat race and forget our original goals. Our clubs often fail to realize the difference they are making in the community and in the lives of the youth. Garden club members are planters, designers, educators, promoters, visionaries, conservationists, preservationists, environmentalists, nurturers, advocates, leaders, and dreamers. We realize the obligation we have to connect today's youth with the natural world and to leave a legacy for future generations. We have the desire to make a difference and impact the world in a positive manner. Careers in agriculture and its sub-disciplines offer opportunities for many students. NGC proudly offers scholarships to students majoring in **agronomy, floriculture, horticulture, landscape design, environmental concerns, and numerous other related fields**. The sad truth is fewer and fewer students are studying horticulture. Is horticulture a withering field in the United States? Many colleges and universities have combined their departments as a result of lower enrollment trends. The public perceives horticulture as requiring no higher education and few, if any, skills. The truth is horticulture is a knowledge-based, intensive, vitally important industry. Horticulture affects how we use and dwell in outdoor spaces. It is diverse, global, constantly changing, and challenging. The loss of the personal connection to the land needs to be addressed to halt the trend. Action is required to move forward. Older generations need to introduce younger generations to the joy and satisfaction achieved through working with the soil and plants.

The NGC website ([www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)) has a wealth of helpful information for our members.

To access the "members" area

the user name: [member](#)

password: [flight](#)

### Calendar of Events

#### 2016

March 13-14	OSFGC Spring Board Meeting at the Oregon Garden
March 29,30,31	OSFGC Flower Show School, Portland
April 4-8	Pacific Region Convention, Henderson, Nevada
May 2-7	NGC Convention, Grand Rapids, MI
June 13,14,15	OSFGC Convention, Hood River
September 26-Oct 2	NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, Maine

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