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Winning Tips

What works in your Garden, Club, District?

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

Recipe

Pumpkin Bars

2 cups flour

1 1/2 cups sugar

2 tsp baking powder

2 tsp. cinnamon

1 tsp baking soda

1/4 tsp salt

1/4 tsp ground cloves

4 eggs beaten

1 16oz. can pumpkin

1 cup oil

spread in 15 X 10 X 1 inch baking dish

Bake 30 min. at 350'

Enjoy Peggy

Epsom salt-magnesium good for many things

Better Potted Plants

Potted plants are more prone to becoming magnesium deficient so try adding 2 tablespoons of Epsom salt to the surrounding soil once a month.

Splinter Removal

Got a splinter while gardening? Mix 2 tablespoons of Epsom salt with warm water and soak the affected area. This will help draw the splinter out of your skin.

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From the President's Desk Shirley Schmidt

OSFGC President 2015-2017

"Nurture Nature – Nurture Friendships"

Members, if you believe yourself to be an exceptional person, with talents and abilities, one who is friendly and kind, healthy and energetic and destined to have a terrific life, this belief will lead you to set goals, work hard, develop yourself, treat others well, bounce back from adversity, and ultimately succeed in any endeavor you choose.

So Believe in Yourself! You are Oregon's Garden Clubs' leaders!

Since our last meeting—

- * We have honored our former OSFGC State President Betty Stanaland, 1985-87 and have made contributions to our state's Book of Remembrance, Pacific Region's Book of Recognition and NGC's Remembrance Fund.
- * Your Executive Committee participated in the Celebration of Life for Linda Nelson-Bentson's husband, Cliff. And, in your name have presented Linda with a beautiful planter to honor the passing of her husband.
- * Two of our Siskiyou District's clubs celebrated their 90-year Club birthdays: Grants Pass and Medford with the latter having a tea and style show with members modeling the attire of each decade. Delightful!
- * We all remember July's highlight: The "Leap into Leadership" workshop with NGC's Robin Pokorski.
- * In August Oregon sponsored the Best-Ever Symposium which was a great success with many of our members as well as several designers from Washington state in attendance.
- * We dedicated a new Blue Star Byway marker in Bandon in the Rogue District.

Congratulations are in order for the collaborative efforts of four districts: Clackamas, Multnomah, Pioneer, and Portland for the new Veterans' Clinic in Fairview to be the home of a Blue Star Memorial marker. The local newspaper printed an article which is also documented by a slide show on their web site: http://tribunephotography.photoshelter.com/embed/I0000303ZICU4I00?type=slideshow&G_ID=G00000wQkDuZIEXw

Thank you for sending this President to the NGC Fall Board Meeting in Portland, Maine a couple of weeks ago. The interaction with others in leadership in our organization is acutely beneficial.

Restructuring NGC with the Regions going back to the pre-2011 format was a topic of much discussion. The main difference is that each Region will have its own 501(c)(3) with all money going to that region instead of to NGC. I am happy to report that Pacific Region—of which we are a part— is moving forward in that direction.





From the President's Desk continued.

Challenges for this year:

New: With part of our theme as "Nurture Friendships", each District will select one member to be awarded "Member of Distinction" at the State Convention. Let's celebrate our wonderful members!

Continuing challenges during the second year of this Administration:

President's Project: "Share the Bounty-Tip the Scale"— Thank you for your support.

World Gardening: "Fill the cup-Fulfill a Dream" – and again thank you for your support.

Designer Award: Be looking for a candidate to nominate.

Planting a Tree or Shrub— Each District Director received Red Twig Dogwood plants for each of their clubs to assist their bird population.

District Directors' Show-and-Tell Poster Boards at Convention.

Thank you to the District Directors for outstanding Show and Tell boards at convention.

We could tell that you have been active participants in your communities getting the word out about garden clubbing.

This president is presenting the same request for convention 2017.

Instead of History Scrapbooks at convention, District Directors are requested to bring at least a half sheet poster board with pictures documenting and highlighting an event or events for this current year. Small descriptions under the photos will be helpful. At Convention, these will be used as they give their reports and then placed in a viewing area for members to see more closely.

Try Something New: Many awards are offered by NGC. My last challenge for you is to visit the NGC website: <http://www.gardenclub.org> to find something new to do or to apply for this year. At convention we'll all look forward to learning and seeing what you have done.

Thank you for your confidence in this President, and for your invitations to events, the notes, cards and pictures sent to me. All of us together make a Great OSFGC TEAM.

In Friendship, Shirley Schmidt

President's Project

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Gardeners from five Districts reported a total of **7012** pounds of food (which includes dollars to pounds) collected since Convention in June. Add that to the previous total from June 2015 – June 2016 of 181,681 for a grand total of ----- **188,693** ---to date.

Report your numbers to me anytime by phone or email.

Next report will be given at the Spring OSFGC BOD meeting.

Executive Reports

1st Vice President-Membership *Gaye Stewart 2015-2017 503-510-4370*

The poem entitled, "Next One Up!" was written to encourage members of the 14 Districts to step forward to serve as a district officer for the coming two year term. You will bring new ideas, fresh enthusiasm and your creative style to your District. Four officer positions are available: District Director, Assistant District Director, Secretary and Treasurer. Step up and join the Team. You'll be glad you did!



Next One Up!

By Gaye Stewart

People, flowers, bouquets and more
Field trips, friends and fun galore
Design and landscape classes to make you smart
Delightful training to warm your heart
Civic projects to make you proud
Exciting ideas shared out loud
Meetings, events, workshops so fine
Bringing you new friendships divine
Leadership offers may be in sight
New opportunities to share your light
Step out in faith – confidence do show
People are watching and seeing you grow
You may volunteer, or wait to be asked
Either way is fine – be up to the task
Garden Club work, enriches your life
Always interesting and without strife
Bring your “game face” on for the fun
You’ll be proud of yourself when it’s done
Time’s a wasting, so don’t delay
Others will help you along the way
My tiny poem is nearly complete
To see you in Garden Club work will be sweet.

Executive Reports

1st Vice President, report continued.

Gaye Stewart, Membership Chair

Membership Report October, 2016

The Membership Report presented at the 89th OSFGC Convention in June, looked at membership statistics – some to celebrate, others to elicit concern. Let's quickly review those statistics representing the 2015-2016 membership year:

The largest Club has 108 members and the smallest Club has 2 members.

In 2014-2015 there were 15 Districts and in 2015-2016 there are 14 Districts (Umpqua lost their only Club, thus the District).

The largest District has 16 Clubs and the smallest District has 2 Clubs.

The largest District has 684 members and the smallest District has 41 members.

Two Districts established new Clubs this year:

Klamath District added The Tree League and the Bly Garden Club

Capitol District added the Dallas Garden Club

Total membership for 2014-2015 was 2,661.

Current membership for 2015-2016 is 2,654 (7 less than the previous year).

There are 8 Oregon Counties (Baker, Crook, Deschutes, Douglas, Harney, Jefferson, Lake and Malheur) that do not belong to a District and therefore do not have a Federated Garden Club.

Membership growth means retaining current members, Clubs and Districts while at the same time adding new members, forming new Clubs and expanding our Districts!

Some 40 "seasoned" and "emerging" leaders attended Robin Pokorski's marvelous, educational workshop entitled, "Leap into Leadership." She gave examples of her personal story of building her Club, District and the California State Federation of Garden Clubs, of which she served as President. Her member-building efforts were consistently "wrapped with humor," but more importantly gifted from the heart. She was an inspiration to us! She encouraged us to be REAL and try new ideas to invite prospective members – the key is ACTION!

So, it's now the beginning of the 2016-2017 Membership Year – and how are we doing?

In June, my challenge to Oregon Clubs and Districts was to build membership to 3,000 members, an attainable goal since our recent membership history was that number.

Here's some Fall statistics, partially incomplete since dues were due to Nita, State Treasurer, by September 30 and are still trickling in to her. So far 1,421 members statewide have paid dues and are in this count, with 34 Clubs not yet reported. I urge District Directors to be in direct contact with your Club Presidents. Personalize your calls and/or visits by offering to help, speak, do a demonstration, provide training – do whatever it takes to promote success and longevity for its members. That is our role. We can repeat history...

WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER!

Protocol

Flower Show Etiquette.

Flower show judges study very hard to become knowledgeable in their field. They know all the requirements, but do the garden clubbers that help out with the show know what their role is?

Judges are invited through Judge's Councils to the show. Once you receive a positive answer **the Flower Show Chairman** sends the schedule to all the judges. This way the judges are aware of what to expect.

Once the judges arrive the flower show chairman shows the judges the overall show and gives them some details about the weather and other circumstances. Such as: "All our irises bloomed earlier than other years, so we do not have any irises..."

Exhibitors are not allowed to mingle with the judges. (This doesn't always work, because in small clubs and districts the clerks are the exhibitors). Therefore it is very important that the clerks do not talk during judging.

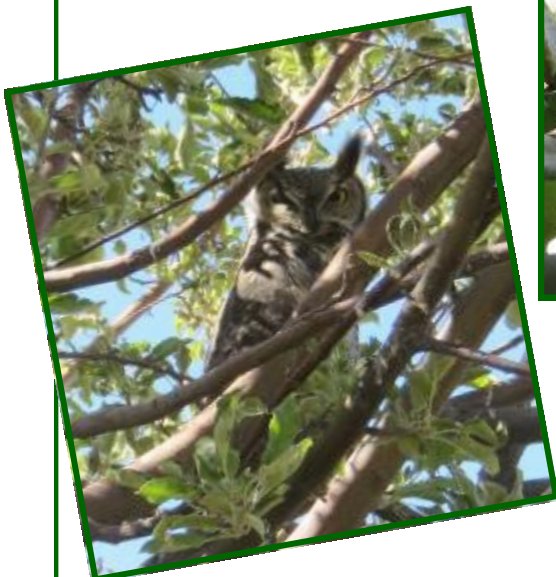
Don't say: "Lucy made that design, she always uses that container..." or "I couldn't find the right flower for the design..."

Of course you can be welcoming and tell the judges before the judging starts, that you are so happy they have come to judge. And afterwards thank them for their judging and of course the chairman sends them an official thank you note. But, **no talking during judging, only if asked a question by the judges.**

Judges have studied and practiced for a long time, so give them the respect they earn!

One more way to make life more pleasant:

Not necessarily protocol but something that is nice to do is to invite every officer on the Executive Board to your District meetings! Thank you for all the invitations that I have gotten. I wished I could go to all of them! They are so much fun with lots of informative programs! Every District is different, but all of you are getting so much accomplished!



July 2016 Report:

I was appointed to this position by President Shirley, for a 2-year term.

This is my first year and I've learned so much. I have met many interesting, knowledgeable people, traveled throughout this beautiful State of Oregon, learned more about gardening than I had ever imagined, had lots of fun at meetings and conventions, as I take on the tremendous responsibility being Corresponding Secretary.

Most of my responsibility is to President Shirley and carrying out tasks she's given me, in a timely manner.

One of those tasks is communicating with the Executive Board, District Directors and Committee Chairpersons when it comes to her requirements of you, such as giving your annual reports. It's very important, every year when Convention time rolls around, that you submit your annual reports.

So, at this time, I'd like to say "thank you."

The Executive Reports are thorough and informative. And throughout this convention, as we hear Committee Chairperson reports, we learn so much and I find it fascinating how diverse the topics are. Where else can we learn about butterflies, birds, amphibians, Blue Star Markers, awards and insurance while enjoying the surroundings of Hood River or even the Mill Casino in Coos Bay, all under the same roof?

Of the fourteen District Directors, none of them have identical programs. As they announce what they've done the past year, I'm busy writing possibilities for our garden club. Learning, sharing, networking that's what it's all about. And this is learned through the reports given.

October 2016 Report:

To start my report, I had emailed the Fall Board of Directors' information along with eight other attachments to all board members in mid-September.

I was informed a few had not received the email. I'm not sure why. It could have ended up in your email trash/junk folder. Or maybe I sent too many attachments at one time in my email. For my part, I have decided in the future to send a few documents at a time rather than several.

The OSFGC Spring BOD Meeting will be held at Comfort Suites Inn, Albany on March 12-13, 2017. District Directors: Let your Club Presidents and Garden Club members know.

Be proactive and mark your calendar now! We don't want to miss the fun and friendship.



Arboretum,
Klamath Falls

Committee Reports

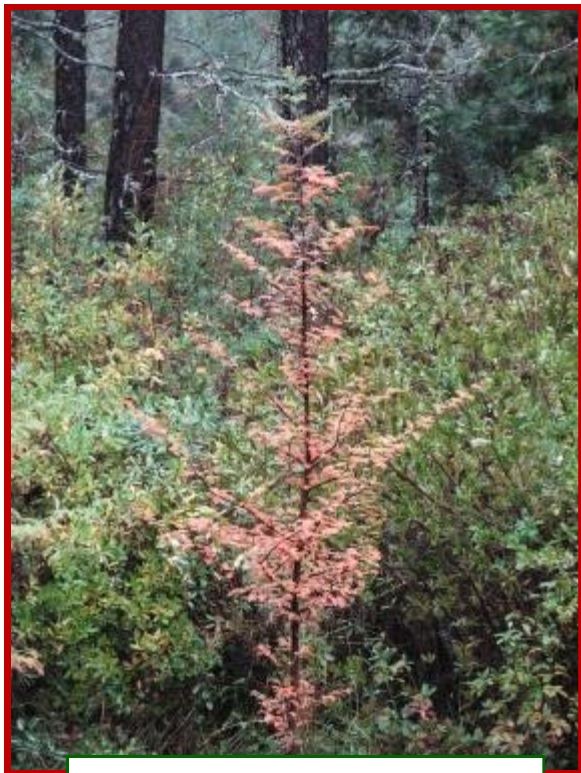
Arboreal

Kathy Lombardo, Chair

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Dawn Redwood trees in Oregon – A Sesquicentennial Project

As a long term project to honor Oregon's 150th year of Statehood, I offered Dawn Redwood trees to each Garden Club in Oregon, free. The only thing asked in return was a report back, about how they are doing. Since there are very few *Metasequoia glyptoboides* growing in Oregon, a botanist in China has been my trusted coach, Jinshuang Ma. I was hoping to push the limits of sites all the way to the east border of our State, in order to understand why they died out, and became extinct in Oregon, many millions of years ago. Fascinated by the species since first seeing one on campus in Modesto, CA. back in the 1970s, I have experimented with growing them for the past 30 years. Being deciduous lets them survive cold winters. What they crave and need for survival is a steady supply of ground moisture, or heavy mist. In O'Brien, the climate is very dry in the summer, so the only sites that will provide sustainable existence without the help of humans, are the wet, mucky, low places that never dry out completely. At this time, OSFGC has many planted west of the Cascades, and I have 15+ planted on our O'Brien ranch.



Some of my Dawn Redwoods that are totally on their own. This one is in azaleas and native trees, and shows up best in the fall when it turns color.



This is in my "fossil record" collection, which includes dawn redwood, bald cypress, magnolias, sycamores and ginkgoes

Awards

Member of Distinction

With part of our theme as “Nurture Friendships,” each District will select one member to be awarded “Member of Distinction” at the State Convention. Let's celebrate our wonderful members!

Here's how it will work:

- a. The honoree shall have been a Garden Club member for 20 years.
- b. The District will donate a minimum of \$20.00 to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund in the name of their “Member of Distinction.”
- c. The name of the District with the name of the honoree will be **sent to the State President** by April 15, 2017.
- d. A “Member of Distinction” certificate and a pin will be given to the honoree.

NGC Member Award of Honor

In addition to District's honoring a “Member of Distinction,” NGC recognizes a Garden Club member in each region who has made outstanding contributions to his/her club and community during a period of five or more years. Let's have Oregon be the winner for the Pacific Region's nomination -- who will be the grand champion.

Every Garden Club has those very special members who work tirelessly and give years of service in many areas ... here is your Club's opportunity to say "we appreciate you and thank you for all your efforts!" The Member Award of Honor recognizes those NGC members whose volunteer efforts, during a period of five years, have made outstanding contributions to club and community in one or more of the following areas:

ELIGIBILITY: Any member of a State Garden Club, who has never served as a member of the NGC Board of Directors, including State Presidents.

RULES: Send Book of Evidence to your **State Awards Chairman**. Book of Evidence is not to exceed 6 pages (total) to be typed and secured in a folder. No loose pages.

Include the following:

- Civic Development
- Conservation
- Design
- Horticultural Therapy
- Horticulture
- Landscape Design
- Youth Activities
- All Around Excellence

<http://www.gardenclub.org/awards/member-award-of-honor.aspx>



Blue Star Marker

Nancy Ebsen, Chair

What an exciting chairmanship I have. When I hear from you, that you're planning a new marker or that you are sending me pictures for the "BOOK", I get so excited. It's like opening a birthday card or a birthday present. I have moved from a 2" notebook to a 3" notebook. The book begins with a complete list of existing Blue Star Markers in place (minus one that was destroyed). This is followed by a list of Districts with the number of markers they have and the number that are pictured. The bulk of the book is divided by District. It is the Blue Star Marker Family Album and History. Much to do yet, but please enjoy where we are.

Since convention, we have rededicated a By-Way Marker in Bandon which was moved from one place in the park to another place; a Blue Star Marker in Fairview at the V. A. Outpatient Clinic; put a Blue Star Marker in storage for Camp Withcombe for planting in 2018; and one with check and application in hand for the Blue Star Marker in Lebanon.

The Fairview Marker was dedicated on a very hot September day with about 100 veterans, gardeners, and their friends to help celebrate. When the marker was unveiled the sun dazzled it, creating a sight that looked like sparkling diamonds.

Thank you for the honor of letting me be part of the celebration of honoring these special men and women. God bless them all and all of you.

I would like to take this opportunity to honor Joan Johnson and Cheryl Drumheller for the rededication of the Blue Star By-Way Marker in Bandon with a Blue Star and Service Unity Pin. Being part of this heart-warming occasion was indeed a thrill. Much of the work involved with this Marker was done by Theo Stanley. We are grateful for his dedication to this project.

I would also like to take this opportunity to honor Kathryn Israelson and Martha Galash. Co-Chairmen of the Fairview Marker. Many hours and many e-mails were exchanged and it has been a deep honor for me to work with these ladies. A Blue Star and a Service Unity Pin were awarded to each of them.

Congratulate them all on a job well done.



Fairview Blue Star Memorial Unveiled

September 2016 | Written by [Pamplin Media Group](#)

A dedication ceremony for a new Blue Star Memorial was held Friday, Sept. 9, 2016, at the Fairview Veterans Affairs Outpatient Clinic. Blue Star Memorial markers offer a tribute to all United States armed services members, past and present.

The program was started by the National Council of State Garden Clubs in 1944 in New Jersey with the planting of 1,000 flowering dogwood trees along five miles of highway. In 1947 the program expanded to include highway roadside markers to celebrate the "Blue Star Memorial Highway Program." The marker identified highways that were planted with trees and maintained by local Garden Clubs.

Nearly a half-century later, the program evolved to incorporate "Blue Star Memorial" markers, which allowed them to be placed on appropriate civic locations such as Veterans Affairs facilities.

From the Portland Tribune 9-11-2016



Former National President Linda Nelson-Bentson, State President Shirley Schmidt, Blue Star Chair Nancy Ebsen, Former State President Peggy Olin and Fairview Blue Star Marker Chair Kathryn Israelson.



With Janet Conley, Stan Chiotti and Jane Sercombe





Mt. Hood District, Dufur Garden Club. In May students from Dufur Public Schools, K-12 along with members from Dufur Garden Club worked together to fill flower beds at the newly constructed flower bed at the Blue Star Marker in front of the Schreiber Log House. The students involved helped by filling beds with soil and planting flowers. They did a great job helping to beautify the memorial site.



Dufur Garden Club members from left to right: Violet , Wanda , Alice , Susan, Club Presidents : Mary & Katie, Evelyn, Gail & Phyllis



“The patio, planters & wall are new. We are calling the wall an Honor Wall and people can purchase a brass plaque with the names of anyone having to do with the military.” Phyllis Olson

Santiam District, Lebanon Garden Club is proud to report that they have ordered a Blue Star Memorial Marker to be placed at Lebanon’s new Veteran’s Home. The Home just celebrated their two year anniversary. Donations were from the family of Frankie Gray, who was a member of the Lebanon Garden Club as well as an icon in the community. Other donations were from the Rollin’ Oldies Car Club of Lebanon, Post 51 American Legion Auxiliary Members, and OFWC Lebanon Zenith Woman’s Club, who disbanded after 50 years of service and donated their remaining treasury amount towards the Blue Star Marker.



Million Pollinator Challenge

Because of our renowned reputation, and the strength of our membership, NGC has been invited to be a founding Gardening and Habitat Planting Partner of the National Pollinator Garden Network, recently formed to help establish one million gardens to assist in restoring critical pollinator population recovery in the United States. Over the next two years, the Network will bring together the science and garden capabilities of industry with the outreach of nongovernmental organizations to empower a million private citizens and organizations to plant pollinator gardens nationwide.

Bee a Wildlife Action Hero

Ask **ALL** of your clubs, members, and friends to commit to Garden for Wildlife and show them the way—not only in your own backyards, but in your public places, and with your junior gardeners at their homes and schools. Practice sustainable gardening and provide food, water, cover, and a place for our wildlife and pollinators to raise their young. Visit NGC's website for detailed information on each of these programs.

- * National Garden Clubs. Org
- * Million Pollinator Challenge
- * Monarch Watch
- * Download new publication "Inviting Butterflies into Your Garden."
- * Register your Garden
- * S.H.A.R.E. Share pollinator network
- * 200,170 gardens registered. See the map.
- * Monarch Way Station you need 10 plants to register.
- * Suggest nectar plants in addition because they are heavy feeders.

For more information contact Joan Foley, OSFGC Chairman, Backyard Wildlife



Birds

Nan Jean Roller (NGC Bird Chair)

Bird Pollinators

There are thousands of insects and birds that benefit people and our gardens. They depend on us to live their lives out. To fight pollinator decline we need to provide food and habitat with blooming plants and use fewer chemical controls.

Climate change poses a serious threat. Scientists are finding disturbing changes to blooming times of flowers as well as the arrival times of birds (eg. hummingbirds). The mismatch of nectar sources and when birds arrive, means we must watch this closely. Create a yard with staggered blooms.

Birds visit flowers in search of food (nectar and pollen.) During a visit, birds brush against flower reproductive parts, depositing pollen from a previously-visited flower. The plant then uses the pollen to produce a fruit or seed. Many plants cannot produce without pollen carried to them by pollinators. Throughout the world, bird pollinators are very important especially for wildflowers. Most plant fruits are unable to develop without pollination taking place, and many beautiful flower varieties would die out if not pollinated.

Birds visit flowers that are brightly colored, red, yellow or orange and flowers that have tubular petals that are recurved to be out of the way. Bird pollinators have good vision, but poor smell, can see red wavelengths and need a perch. The flowers must have tubes, funnels, cups and strong support for perching with flowers open during the day, for birds to pollinate. Flowers that are prolific nectar producers usually have nectar deeply hidden inside the flowers. Small amounts of flower pollen producers are designed to dust the bird's head/ back with pollen as the bird is looking for nectar.

In the United States, hummingbirds are very important for pollination of wildflowers. Hummingbirds, spiderhunters, sunbirds, honeycreepers, and honeyeaters are the most common pollinators; they do most of the pollination especially for deep-throated flowers. Hummingbirds gracefully maneuver before pendant flowers, their feathers are doused with sticky pollen from suspended overhead anthers. Other birds are attracted to color and copious quantities nectar and convenient perches that the birds can grasp while feeding. Providing feeders, perches and abundance of insects, and a place to hide when predators are near, and avoiding chemicals in our yards will help the birds prosper.

The sunbirds and spiderhunters make up a family, Nectariniidae, of passerine birds.



Humming bird



Sun bird



Spiderhunter

Book of Remembrance

Sylvia Ketch, Chair

A reminder to all Districts, Clubs, and Members to honor the memory of a Garden Club member or other friends or family who have passed away. With a minimum contribution of \$10, their name will be entered in OSFGC Book of Remembrance and will be acknowledged during the 2017 Convention. The contribution will go to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund to help provide scholarships for students majoring in horticulture at Oregon State University. This is such an appropriate way to honor and pay tribute.

The Book of Remembrance contribution form is on-line www.oregongardenclubs.org/forms.



In Memoriam

Our dear former State President **Betty Stanaland** 1985-87 and member of Medford Garden Club passed away August 7 and was memorialized at Eagle Point Cemetery. She was buried there next to her husband Bill.

Clifford "Cliff" Bentson, beloved husband of Linda Nelson Bentson, NGC President 2013-2015, passed away on August 14. A memorial service was held in Cliff's honor on Monday, August 22, 2016 at the Log House Gardens in Keizer.

Cheryl Hopkins-Cedar Mill Garden Club.

Pat Baker-Friends of Palisades Garden Club.

Patricia Stipe-Eastmoreland Garden Club.

Karon Yaden passed away while fighting brain cancer. Karon was former District Director of Multnomah and Klamath Districts and former President of Northside Garden Club; she held several positions at State level. A Remembrance was held Saturday, October 1 at the Club House in the mobile estate where she and Boyd resided.



*Memorial Flower
arrangement made
by members of
Mt. Hood District.*

Container Water Gardening

Retail stores have been offering items for sale long before they usually are needed. Halloween costumes and decorating items appear as early as August or September. As soon as October 31 has passed, (or sooner) the gift and decorating items for Thanksgiving and Christmas are on the store shelves. The only timely merchandise are the displays of fresh seeds and indoor growing supplies in January.

Late January and early February is a good time to start seeds for the yearly veggie garden. Check your seed supply from prior years, as many seeds are still viable and can still be used. Check seed package for length of time to germination and your own climate zone for safe planting time for seedlings.

The containers used to start seeds are varied. Stores sell plastic flats, some with drainage holes and some without. You may also use milk cartons, Styrofoam egg containers, or what-have-you, as long as you've made drainage holes in them. Small-sized peat pots are a favorite for many gardeners. Use a fine potting mix just for seedlings and fill container about 1/2 or 3/4 full. Pack the mix down firmly before adding seeds. Water with room temperature water and set under good lighting. You may want to set newly sown seeds alongside your cuttings of basil and sage. You did start some clippings from the veggie garden last fall, didn't you? Plant out into garden area when danger of frost has passed, checking your own area times. Enjoy!



Gaye Stewart's Italian squash plants

These were gifted to her in late June from a friend in her McMinnville Garden Club. Her friend advised her to plant them on a trellis, so they did. They bought an 8' section of smaller gauge hog-wire and 4 metal fence posts - this made a wonderful trellis for their little squash plants. Their fruit is 2' to 3' long and slender. You cook them in a little butter, olive oil and garlic - very tasty. They are still producing beautiful squash, and the bees love the flowers!

Conventions

“Siskiyou Sensations”

is the theme for the 2017 OSFGC State Convention, to be held **June 12-14, 2017** at the Ashland Hills Hotel & Suites in Ashland, Oregon and hosted by Siskiyou District Garden Clubs. Promotional sales items currently



available are Flower Pot Coffee Mugs and 3 Styles of Key Finders, all priced at \$10 each. Mark your calendar and stay tuned for more information in the coming months. *Kathy Simmons, Chair*

“Along the Oregon Trail”

I was asked to give a final report on the 2016 OSFGC Convention that was held in Hood River.

I can report that it was very well received with:

We had 94 full time registrants for \$17,910

66 part time attendees for \$ 4,635

Total Revenue: \$22,545.00

Total Expenses: \$21,109.47

Profit: \$1,435.53

Which included:

7 OSFGC OFFICERS

1 Regional Director

7 past presidents

14 District Directors

We had 20 guests

160 total

The guests that came on Tuesday for registration really helped defray the cost of our expenses.

The day of the several workshops we had a lot of part time registrants. Guests really looked forward to the workshops and increased our numbers. We had 6 different workshops and they were filled to capacity.

We kept the full time registration price at \$190. With a late registration fee of \$10.

When it was all totaled we were able to cover all our expenses plus give back to OSFGC 70% Mt. Hood District 15% and Blue Mountain 15%.

OSFGC received \$1,004.87; Mt. Hood received \$215.33; Blue Mt. received \$215.33. \$1,540 remains in the OSFGC Convention Account for the OSFGC Convention 2017.

I would like to thank those of you that attended our convention. We worked very hard to make it extra special for you.

Norma Curtis

2016 OSFGC Convention Chairman, Trish Paige 2016 OSFGC Assistant Chairman,

Margaret Taylor Mt. Hood District Treasurer



Leach Botanical Garden

Janet Conley, Chair

Leach Botanical Garden was originally the home of John and Lilla Leach, a pharmacist and an accomplished botanist who bought the land in 1931. With her explorations and discoveries she earned an international reputation in the botanical community. Not only did they donate specimens to the

Oregon University, they traded seeds and planted many native and other plants creating a haven for studying plants, particularly Northwest species. The original design of their garden had species of Curry County, a rock garden, a bog area, gardens for roses, ferns, azaleas, camellias, trillium, rhododendrons and more. After the death of John, neighbors, friends and garden club members helped as they could. It was willed to the City of Portland after both of their deaths, if it would continue to be a Botanical Garden. Friends and neighbors continued to take care of this property for nearly the ten years the City had to accept the gift. The City Commissioner at the time, decided to visit it before signing it over to the YMCA as per the will. He accepted the gift and requirements per the will but the Garden continued to rely on volunteers to run it, make money by renting for weddings, having teas and selling plants. The

first paid gardener's salary was from these funds and the wedding coordinator was a volunteer. We now have several paid employees through the Parks department but rely on volunteers for much of the work.

The original garden comprised of 4.2 acres has grown to around 15 acres, not all of which are developed at this time. Over the years a parking lot area was bought, a metal gate added, gift shop developed in an out-building, and the carriage house has been turned into storage for chairs, tables, refrigerators and other items needed to maintain the rental business. Propagation areas on the top of the property help grow plants for the property and for sale.

Master plans have been developed several times and now a final one is being implemented. This not only includes a variety of new garden areas but educational facilities to expand the children's programs from pre-school Honey Bee Hikes weekly, to Summer Day Camps, and special Adult programs.

Planned additions include the construction of an elevated walk through the cedar forest, accessible trails; a new pedestrian bridge over Johnson Creek is planned. Outdoor covered shelters, a new entrance with educational areas, meeting rooms and administration offices, and another parking lot in the upper area are proposed

In the Multnomah District Director's report, the Gary W. Simone Memorial Intern Fund was reported to help support a college intern every summer.

Leach Botanical Garden has been a State Project for many years, but financial support has not been very abundant. A few clubs become annual members, a few members also become Leach Members and some clubs send a donation intermittently. We need the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs to really get in and support this one-of-a-kind Botanical Garden in Oregon.

Editors note: At the OSFGC Fall State Board meeting it was decided to help fund the summer intern for 2016 with a donation of \$500.00.



As the 2017 State Legislative Session is being prepared, we need to present any legislative concepts to our State Representatives and Senators for consideration. This needs to be done right away if it has any chance of being considered. Outdoor Advertising is still one of our OSFGC targets and the industry is already making inroads spreading the NEW GREEN on its Digital and Standard surfaces. That is where the money is now – Recreational and Medical Marijuana. Do we want to have their messages so openly on any available surface where our children and teens see the message “It’s OK. It’s Legal now.”? As consumers we need to let our voices be heard.

As a Victim Advocate as well as a Garden Club member, we are fighting an uphill battle. Our message needs to be clear. Outdoor Advertising should be off limits for promoting the “New Green”. Let’s promote a better green that protects our environment including air, water, forests, land and wildlife.

As Regional Chairman for Legislative Affairs, I would like to encourage everyone with Internet access to go on-line and view the following video “The Confluence” about the proposed development of a multi-million dollar resort complex on the South Eastern Rim of the Grand Canyon. Today, October 10, the developers are holding the first of hopefully many hearings trying to get final permission to build the complex at the Confluence of the Little Colorado and Colorado Rivers in the Grand Canyon. This would be on sacred Navajo land and include RV Parks, hotels, entertainment a tramway to the rivers and even a walkway along the rivers. If any of you have been to Point Imperial on the North Rim, you could see the confluence clearly by the joining of the two colored waters.

Commercial development would desecrate the beautiful vista from the North Rim. Tribal grazing lands would be destroyed, the only livelihood for many Navajo. The Confluence is sacred to the Navajo religion and beliefs. The promise of jobs is just another promise to be broken by non-tribal developers.

I will provide the Internet information for all of you to watch and then join “Save the Confluence” and become active in preserving the Grand Canyon.

<http://savetheconfluence.com/environment/new-documentary-explores-confluence-issues/>



The Oregon Roadside Council (ORC) was pleased to issue a grant to **Multnomah District** for the 1874 Zimmerman Heritage Farm House. They will be doing the landscaping around the sign on Highway 30/Sandy Blvd.

Our other contribution since Convention was to Scenic America. Scenic America is protecting and enhancing the natural and man made beauty of America's roadways, countryside and communities. They recently shared a year of renewed focus on preserving and enhancing America the Beautiful.

ORC is determined to see that beautification and scenic efforts preserve and increase the natural beauty of highways and roadsides.

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

Scenic America preserves and enhances the visual character of America. We are the only national nonprofit that helps citizens safeguard the scenic qualities of America's roadways, countryside, and communities.

Wildflower Plantings

Lynn Chiotti,

The years started out quite well for planting new wildflowers as well as seeing those previously planted come back again. The first several months of the 2016 season went well, with lots of color spread across the state. Silver Falls Seed Company, our source, was featured on one Garden Time segment and we could see the process of preparing all the many pounds of seed in the Cascade Kaleidoscope Mix that we have used.

Then the mid-summer heat took a hit on the various plantings that were not able to get watered. However, once the fall rains began, new growth started again. Please report back to someone on the committee so we can document what happened across the state. Those people include Marcia Kay Whitelock, Stan and Lynn Chiotti, Nan Jean Roller, Todd Kepple, and Peggy Olin. We hope to continue planting more next season. Perhaps we can get more milkweed seeds early so that plants can be started and then set out in the Spring. The seed is not cheap, but perhaps we can get some for each District.

<http://www.gardentime.tv/>

<https://silverfallsseed.com/>



Photo Contest

Jeannette Rogers, Chair

The award winning photos from this summer's convention are available as calendars and as note cards. Use the order form below:

Order Form for OSFGC 2017 Calendar and Note Cards - Circle choice

Calendar	15.00	Total
Postage	2.25	17.25
Note Cards (pack of 5)	15.00	
Postage	1.50	16.50
Calendar and Note Cards	30.00	
Postage	2.75	32.75

Name_____

Address_____

Phone_____Amount enclosed_____

Please make checks payable to OSFGC, Inc. – Mail the check and this order form to:

Karen Ramsey
P. O. Box 159
Merlin, OR. 97532
541.479.5513



Poster Contests

Bernie Wood, Chair

541-884-2421 or 541-892-4589

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contests start now.

Informational packets for all District Directors were handed out at the OSFGC board meeting in October. I would urgently request that all District Directors please give this packet to their Youth Chairperson at the District level so they can check with each of the clubs to see if they are interested in being the sponsor for these poster contests. If a District does not have a Youth Chairperson, I would like to request that the District Director make this available to someone in each of their clubs.

The most important date is **January 24, 2017** when all posters must be in my hands to be judged at the State Level. I need to remind all Youth Chairs and Garden Clubs that you need to judge all the posters in your District and only send me the first place winners in each grade level.

If your Garden Club has a relationship with a local Elementary school or is the sponsor of a Junior Garden Club, I would hope that you would encourage all to enter these contests.

It would be wonderful if each District in our state would sponsor these two poster contests **for kids in 1st thru 5th grade.**

If you need any additional information, you can call me.

Recycling

Stan Chiotti, Chair

In the past six months, I have mailed about fifty pounds of ink cartridges and used phones to a recycling center. There were at least 200 of the small cartridges, 8 large toner types, and 10 cell phones. After my last District board meeting, I took four 13-gal. trash bags full of Rx bottles to the recycling center. I processed another two 13-gal. trash bags full of Rx bottles that I got from Clackamas District last week. Evidently my training of just what an amber Rx bottle looks like is paying off, since there were less than a hand-full of rejects.

Thank you for making my job easier.



World Gardening

Carolyn Olley, Chair

“Fill the Cup – Feed a Dream”

Last year, 37 clubs donated to the project over \$1,800. President Shirley’s goal for her two-year term was to raise a total of \$1,800! By last June that had been exceeded and we were on our way to \$1,900.

On September 30th I e-mailed Nita Wood, our State Treasurer. I asked her if contributions had started coming in this fall. Nita informed me that 8 clubs have already sent in their contributions. That’s wonderful! I want to thank you for your donations to this very worthwhile project.

The total in the account on September 30th was \$2,179.81. We hope those clubs who have not yet participated will be able to this year. Checks should be made out to OSFGC and sent to Nita Wood at: 5210 River Road N., Apt. 2013, Keizer, OR. 97303-4498.

Treasurers should write “Fill the Cup-Feed a Dream” on the memo line. Be sure to include the name of the club (if it’s not printed on the check), and what District it’s in. If necessary, please include a note with that information.

A “due date” was set last fall. It is April 15th, 2017. We’d like all monies to be sent in by that date.

Garden Clubs are so generous; we appreciate anything they can give.

Just a reminder: what will these funds do? They will provide school meals for children. Hungry kids don’t do well in school. Any amount your club can contribute will feed a hungry child. Please consider helping if you haven’t already. Thank you, in advance, for doing so.



Yearbook

Mike Zerwer, Chair

541-955-5076

This is a reminder for Club Presidents to mail three (3) copies of their Yearbook with the Club Yearbook Award Application to Mike Zerwer by November 1st. The application form can be downloaded from the OSFGC website.

Call Mike Zerwer if you have any difficulty meeting the November 1st date.



OSFGC had 8 registered Youth Garden Clubs last year. Nita Wood, our State Treasurer, told me that on October 1st (this year) we already have 2 registered...one returning and a NEW one from Dufur! Welcome Dufur. Glad to have your newly registered Youth Garden Club. Let me know if I can help you in any way.

Last year we offered 10 scholarships (for the fee to register a Youth Club) to adult clubs who wanted to sponsor a Youth Garden Club. We had several takers! Just to let everyone know, we have some scholarships remaining. Clubs who applied and received a scholarship last year cannot re-apply this year. If you didn't receive a scholarship last year, do consider applying. I'm thinking of asking for a renewal of the scholarship monies in the spring. If we don't use up what we were given, we may not be able to get the renewal...use it or lose it! I don't want to lose it!

Fred Meyer Rewards It's time to remind everyone to sign up if they haven't done so already. We have several families who have signed up and the Youth Activity Program funds grow a bit every quarter. Thank you to all of you who participate. But, we could do so much better! Please encourage your new Club members, especially, to sign up.

Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant Grants up to \$200 are available for projects that include learning about pollinators and have youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators. The complete list of requirements is on the NGC website under Youth Pollinators Gardens Grant.

NGC Youth Container Garden Contest The theme is: "Protecting our Pollinators". Elementary students in first through fifth grades are eligible to participate. All entries must be sponsored by a Garden Club.

Minor (meaning Child) Photo Release Form Please remember that any Garden Club that takes pictures of children for use in publicity in any media format (newspapers, websites, newsletters, etc.) needs to have the "NGC Release for Publication and Website" form filled out, signed by the parent/guardian, and kept on file in their Club.

Smokey Bear Poster Contest Smokey Bear is recognized as the symbol for fire prevention. The theme of the poster is: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires". First through fifth grade students are invited to send in their posters.

Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Woodsy Owl is America's icon for conservation of the environment. The theme of the poster contest is: "Lend a Hand-Care for the Land". Local winning posters must be received by our State Chairman Bernie Wood no later than January 15, 2017. First through fifth grade students are invited to enter.

Poetry Contest The Poetry Contest theme is: "We Three: Bees, Butterflies and Me". Students must be in K through 9th grade. A complete list of contest rules, scale of points and resources can be found on the NGC website. Our own Peggy Olin is the Chairman! This contest would be a good one to advertise in your local weekly flyer or newspapers.

High School Essay Contest This year's theme is: "We need Our Pollinators". The contest is open to High School students attending 9th through 12th grades. A \$1,000 NGC scholarship will be awarded to the National Winner. The 2nd place winner will receive \$100. All of the requirements/rules are listed on the NGC website. This is a great contest to advertise in the local newspaper, or even as a PSA for radio or TV.

The Frightened Frog Award Applicant projects must be sponsored by a Garden Club. For grades K through 4. Awards will be given for the most outstanding project dealing with the conservation of amphibians. Deadline for entry is March 15, 2017. A \$25 award will be given to each NGC *Garden Club* that sponsors a winning applicant, as well as the awards (1st place \$100, 2nd place \$75, 3rd place \$50 and honorable mention \$25) to the winning entries. Where to send the application is on the NGC website under The Frightened Frog Award.

Youth Award #76 The “High School Distinguished Service Project Award”. Eligible are students in grades 9 through 12 who have done an outstanding civic project making a significant improvement for public benefit. Examples are environment, conservation, landscape, horticulture, recycling, etc. They can enter to win \$100 for 1st place and \$50 for 2nd place. There is more information on our OSFGC website.

There are several more Youth Awards sponsored by NGC. I hope you’ll take some time to check them out.

Everyone has to renew their
Fred Meyer Community Rewards – OSFGC #91407
Simply log on to the website: www.fredmeyer.com
look for “Community Rewards” in the left column,
sign in with your e-mail address, and
create a password.

National Garden Club’s Youth Container Contest for First thru Fifth Graders

“Protecting Our Pollinators”

This is a reminder to all Garden Clubs! The President’s Special Project: Container Gardening for Youth contest needs NGC members to help children plant a Pollinator Container Garden. Our youth will have an opportunity to plan a pollinator-friendly container by choosing plants that encourage our threatened pollinators to eat, drink, pollinate, and possibly reproduce.

Elementary students in first thru fifth grades who plant a container must be sponsored by a Garden Club. Containers have to be shown in a public place. As with any contest, there are rules to follow. A book of evidence compiled with pictures of the project and finished container, what plants the student chose for their container, and where the container was placed. The rules are listed in the President’s Special Projects Awards section on the NGC website.

We will award **\$100 to the (5) first place winners, (5) second prize winners will receive \$75, (5) third prize winners will receive \$50, and (5) honorable mention winners will receive \$25.**

The NGC website has information you can use to research plants, growing conditions, and pollinators in your area or region. The **deadline** to send entries to this Chairman is **March 14, 2017**. We need YOU, our Garden Club members, to help the children get involved planting Pollinator Containers.

For some children it will be a brand new experience. Equip the children with trowels, containers, and potting soil. Take them shopping for those pollinator plants. Give the children the ABC’s of how to plant the container, nurture the plants, and then they’ll have the pleasure of watching it grow. This could also be done by adopting a classroom or youth group, involving your own children or grandchildren.

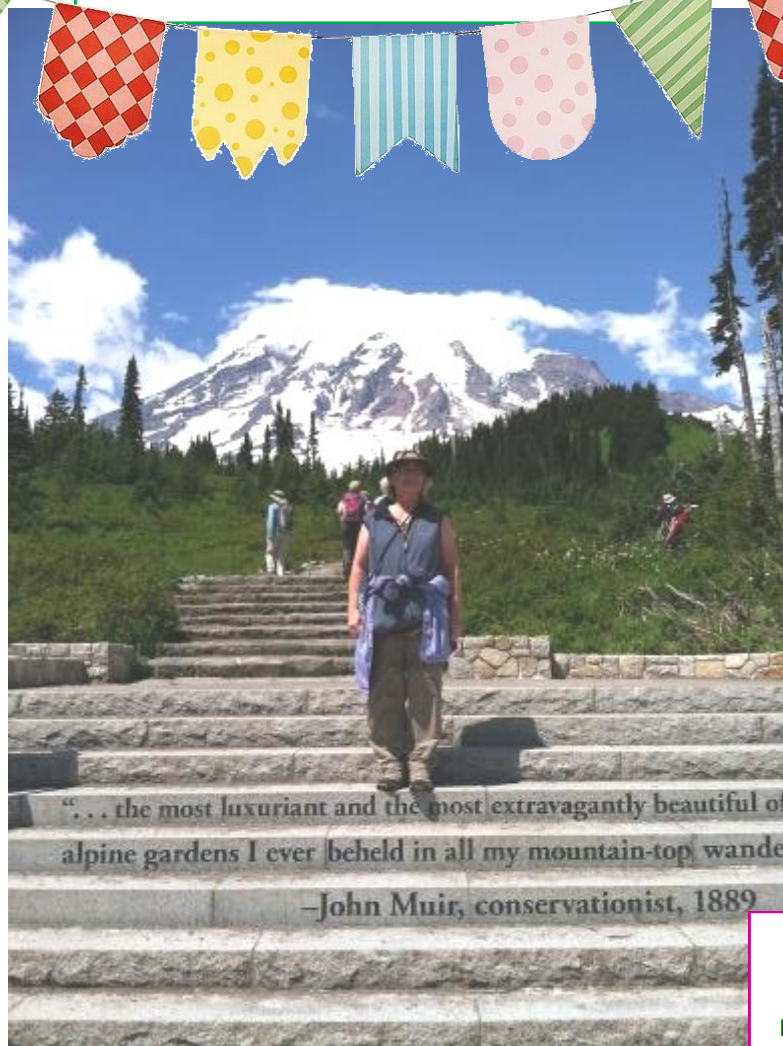
Remember, the prize monies are waiting for the winners. We want to give that money away! So join us in giving children the opportunity to plant a pollinator container. Share the happiness, **Bee a winner!**

Mary Ann Moreno

Youth Container Gardening Chairman for Bees and Butterflies
President’s Special Project



Just outside Cedar Breaks National Monument, Utah, on the way to Bryce Canyon National Park - Panguich Lake area.
Photo from the Chiotti's



"... the most luxuriant and the most extravagantly beautiful of alpine gardens I ever beheld in all my mountain-top wanderings"

—John Muir, conservationist, 1889

Jaye Weiss in Paradise, Mount Rainier National Park, Washington State.

Reports from Districts and Clubs

Clackamas District

Jean Sercombe, Director

Clackamas District had a wonderful Flower Arranging program at their Fall Luncheon.



Jane Secombe is holding the microphone for Gaye Stewart while Gaye is making a Traditional Bouquet.



Diantha Knott (winner of the Suzy Twist-Powell Design Award) is explaining some of her many Creative Designs that she made for the meeting.



We have been busy this Fall!



Arts on the Flyway Festival
September 24
Downtown Klamath Falls



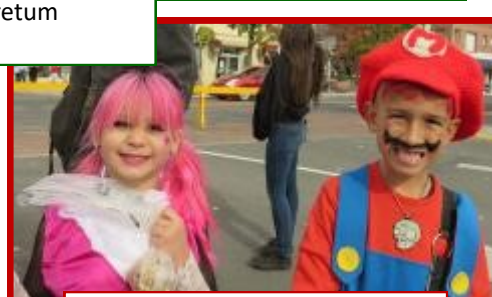
Ross Ragland
Theatre
September 29.
We made 25
arrangements for
the Spelling Bee
fundraiser for our
Memorial Garden at
the Library.



October 1st
Tree League's Fall Garden Event
at the Arboretum



October 13,14,15
Evening Primrose Potato Festival
Flower Show in Merrill



Tristan and Lily Mae Warrior

October 22
Scarecrow Row Festival
Downtown Klamath Falls



Flower show: "The Jewels of Autumn"



Shirley Cheney
Sparkling solitaire
design featuring one flower



Norma Curtis
Dangling earring
Hanging design



Kim Streit
Autumn Favors Oregon's Sun Stone
Mass design using a pumpkin container
3rd place



Margaret Taylor
The Jewels of Autumn
3' minimum, designer's
choice 1st place

“The High Art of Flowers”

On October 17, several Odell Garden Club members were at the Hood River History Museum working with Phyllis Danielson and Garnet Ascher doing Ikebana design in conjunction with the Min Yasui celebration. Jackie Shaw, Judy Wols, Margaret, Taylor, Chyoko Watanabe and Norma Curtis worked on designs and then Phyllis Danielson gave a program.

This is an excerpt from the article that appeared in the Hood River News.

*Japanese Floral Arranging:
THE HIGH ART OF FLOWERS featuring renowned floral stylist Phyllis Danielson
The History Museum of Hood River County*

*As a complement to events honoring the life work of Minoru Yasui, born in Hood River 100 years ago, the History Museum presents a Japanese floral arranging program on Monday October 17th at 1PM.
The austere dignity of Japanese floral design harmonizes with the distinction garnered by Minoru Yasui through his fight to secure dignity for all.*



Multnomah District

Janet Conley, District Director



Gaye Stewart, Peggy Olin, Janet Conley,
Nancy Ebsen and Tanja Swanson



Stan Chiotti, Mike
Stewart and Peggy Olin
doing their skit.

District Meeting
October 7



Thank you Multnomah
District for hosting the
Fall Board Meeting!
It was great!



Pioneer District

Stan Chiotti, Director

This is rubber chicken season with four District luncheons and a State Board all within two weeks of each other. I must admit the first two meals were quite good.

Our District was involved with the Fairview, OR. VA outpatient clinic Blue Star Marker ceremony and I was both honored and proud to emcee the event. Thanks to all who participated.

Even though only half of my clubs reported numbers for the "Share the Bounty" project, I am happy to report that over 21,500 pounds equivalent of produce were given to needy people.

Hillsboro Garden Club has again partnered with Hillsboro HomePlate to serve dinner to youth ages 12 to 24 who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Everyone enjoyed chicken noodle casserole, fresh green beans, sliced tomatoes and cucumbers. All of the fresh vegetables came from our member's gardens. Dinner was topped-off with homemade cookies and S'more brownies. Leftover food was either taken by the youth or given to another family shelter in Hillsboro.

This was the second time that we have provided dinner and our members have enjoyed interacting with the youth and staff at HomePlate so much that we are planning to continue providing meals a few times each year. HomePlate holds "drop ins" on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday nights from 6-8pm at three different locations in Beaverton and Hillsboro. During "drop-ins" youth can eat a hot meal, hang out, play games, get connected to other resources in the community, receive hygiene supplies or clothes, work on job searches, resume writing, and interviewing skills.

The main goal of HomePlate is to provide a safe welcoming space for youth, build safe, trusting, relationships, and connect them to resources in the community so homelessness is temporary rather than permanent.

Eilene Wolven, Hillsboro Garden Club Charity Chair



*"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds
in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn."*

B.C. Forbes

Santiam District

Joli Root, Director

Joli and Trudie Bason, assistant Director attended the Alsea Garden Club's Annual Blackberry Festival. It was held at Clark Park, right on Hwy 20. Hope all of you that were headed to the coast for the Labor Day weekend had a chance to stop by and get a Blackberry Sundae. You also had a chance to make a tissue paper flower, buy some beautiful plants and choose from a wide variety of gardening items. There were games for the kids too, such as making rubber stamp pictures and fishing. If you didn't get a chance to go this year, make sure you do next year, always on the first Saturday of September. Let's support our clubs!

Thank you, Michelle Flamez, Alsea Garden Club President, for a great event!



Santiam District Lebanon Garden Club

The Club had a very special surprise on Saturday Sept 10. Some of the members from the Alsea Garden Club decided to make a trip to Lebanon to visit. Vice-President Joli Root met them at the Boulders Hotel where they toured the famous Japanese Garden. Afterwards, the Alsea Club was interested in touring the Rose Garden in Ralston Park, which is the Lebanon Club's community project, then a lunch meeting at Kris' Kitchen, which is very popular bakery in town. Afterward everyone visited Lebanon's President Trudie Bason's nursery, Timeless Gardens. Trudie had a sampling of her delicious cantaloupe salad and some much appreciated ice tea. Michelle also brought two raffle prizes from their Blackberry Festival. Thank you Michelle for bringing everyone to visit us. We really enjoyed your company! Let's do this again, soon.



Sandy, Laura, Michelle,
Jimmy and Connie
from Alsea Garden
Club



Old Chinese saying:

“Everyone should spend at least an hour a day
in the garden.

Unless you're too busy.

Then you should spend two hours a day
in the garden.”

Submitted by Dr. Ed McClure, Klamath Tree League



President Shirley Schmidt and Arboreal Chair Kathy Lombardo



Siskiyou Fall Luncheon October 19. Hosted by the Medford Garden Club.
Wonderful People, beautiful decorations, fun prizes and great programs!

Siskiyou District Ashland Garden Club

The Ashland Daily Tidings ran an article about Ashland Garden Club's "Lonely Bouquet" activity. Read all about this fun project here...

<http://www.dailytidings.com/news/20161003/ashland-garden-club-lonely-bouquets-for-ashland>



The Lonely Bouquet is a program that was started by a young American, Emily Avenson, who moved from California to Belgium to pursue her dream of having a floral farm and florist business. She planted acres of annuals, perennials, tubers and bulbs and found her dream coming true. Her business is called Fleuropean. She discovered that her fields were so bountiful that she frequently had quite an excess of plant material. In order to share the bounty she began to carry with her on business some recycled glass jars and when finishing a job she would arrange little nosegays in the jars. To each, she attached a tag identifying it as a Lonely Bouquet that needed a home, and invited the finder to take it with him or her and then to let her know where it found its home.



Pacific Region Report

Save the Date! April 18 – 20, 2017

“Best of the Northwest, the Pause that Refreshes,”

Hi Fellow Gardeners,

The Pacific Region Convention, “Best of the Northwest, the Pause that Refreshes,” will be held April 18 – 20, 2017 at the Embassy Suites, 15920 W Valley Hwy, Seattle, WA. 98188. Members of Washington State Federation of Garden Clubs are working hard to prepare a fun and educational event with ample time for reconnecting with your friends from across the region. There will also be time for brainstorming at meetings and learning new gardening tricks at workshops.

This will be an installation convention so please come support our current Pacific Region Director, Kristie Livreri from Nevada, and ...

welcome our incoming Director Peggy Olin from Oregon.

Another special event will include the docent tour of our “Best of the Northwest Designers Gallery.” Nine of the best WSFGC designers will show you designs highlighting the beauty of Washington from all over the state.

Keep your eyes open for the registration form, coming soon. Please come and join us in Washington, it will be the pause that refreshes.

Brynn Tavasci, Chairman
Diane Franchini, Assistant Chairman
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From the website

Garden Tools 4 Garden Projects - AMES + NGC = Gardening!

Project Description

NGC has formed a partnership with The AMES Companies, Inc. for a Garden Tools project. Founded in 1774, AMES is the largest U.S.A. manufacturer of gardening tools. AMES will grant tools up to a total of \$5,000 (retail) for approved state or club landscaping projects/programs. The total amount available for all grants is \$5,000. Clubs can apply for portions of the \$5,000, as this amount is available to share. This partnership started in October 2014.

Follow These Steps

Download and fill out the Project Entry Form below. E-mail the completed form to:
Elaine Gunderson, NGC AMES Project Chairman.

Or, send a summary of the project, indicating the what, when, why and where of the event. What the project is; what is the Garden Club involvement in the project; why the tools are needed; what tools are requested (please include name of tool and item number); where the tools are to be securely stored; when the project will take place; where (location) including the address where the tools are to be sent. If you choose to send a written summary, send by e-mail to:
Elaine Gunderson, NGC AMES Project Chairman

Be sure to submit your entry at least one month before your Project Event. Your project must be approved in order to receive AMES Tools. Take photos of your project including the AMES Tools and write a short article to describe the Project.

Send your article, photos, NGC and AMES model releases by e-mail to these 4 people:

Sandra H. Robinson, NGC President
Karen Richwine, AMES Director of Brand Marketing
Prema William, AMES Manager Brand Marketing
Elaine Gunderson, NGC AMES Project Chairman

If your project is approved, photos are to be taken at the event and a short article written for possible promotion and publicity on NGC's Website, Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, *The National Gardener* and *Keeping in Touch* publications; plus your own State and Regional newsletters editors.

****Please be sure to complete model release forms for all people appearing in your project photos.** There are two model release forms below: one for NGC and one for AMES; both forms are required, one form per person.

Holiday Bazaar and Artist Market

Friday & Saturday December 2 & 3

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Freshly made wreath & swags

Just cut greens, handcrafted gifts, baked goods and
more!

Leach Botanical Garden

Calendar of Events

2017

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

NGC Convention: May 18-20, Richmond, VA.

Symposium: May 23, 24

GC State Convention: June 12-14, Ashland, OR.

NGC Fall Board Meeting: St. Louis, MO.

Thank you to everyone who submitted photos and articles for this edition of the OSFGC Newsletter. The Mahonia wouldn't exist without all your help.

I hope the Club Presidents won't forget to share this edition with their members. Presidents also receive a free printed copy. Consider printing out a copy of this digital edition (you can print it in black and white) for the people in your Club who don't have a computer. My local Club pays for a subscription of the printed version of the Mahonia for those without a computer.

The printed version is not as colorful and has fewer pictures, but there still are many of you who prefer to have the little magazine in their hands. Be aware that the price right now doesn't cover the cost of printing and mailing the magazine, so next year we will have to raise the price or do something differently.

Thank you again! I am so impressed with all the projects and fun things you are all doing!

Your Editor: Tanja Swanson

At our website...

<http://oregongardenclubs.org/>

Have you checked out the web site lately? Every form or information you need, you will be able to find on our web page!

www.facebook.com/Oregon-State-Federation-of-Garden-Clubs

Have you visited our facebook page and seen what other clubs are doing? Please send me, Tanja, your pictures and information about upcoming events so I can add them to the page.
tanjandy@gmail.com



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Send **the names and a copy of the check** to:

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Phone #503-675-0173 darbjw@msn.com

All former State Presidents, Executive Board members, District Directors and Club Presidents

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Winter issue deadline 1-15-2017

Submit articles to: mahonia.editor@gmail.com

Let us know what your District and Clubs are doing. Send pictures and celebrate some of your most colorful members! Please let me know if you have suggestions for the Mahonia.

Thank you! Tanja Swanson, Mahonia Editor 2015-2017

Proof reader: Jaye Weiss



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