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Powering our Pollinators

Tips for making our gardens safer
for pollinators and beneficial insects

Submitted by Nicole Sanchez

Tunnel-nesting bees benefit from dead trees, snags, and decomposing root balls from old trees. If these don't pose a hazard to people or property, consider leaving them as a natural enticement for these helpful bees.

There are many commercial bee boxes and nests now available on the market, but not all are going to actually attract bees, or may not attract the species you intend. Some bees are very specific to certain diameters of holes for egg laying, and in other instances, the diameter of the hole determines the sex of the eggs to be laid in it.

The Xerces Society (<https://xerces.org/bees/>) is a great source of information on how to create habitat for bees that will be most beneficial.

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From the President's Desk

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

"Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest"



Dear Gardening Friends,

Fall has arrived, bringing with it the vivid orange, red and yellow colors. I have enjoyed the magnificent scenery on my trips to attend your District meetings throughout Oregon. We have a beautiful State and I am constantly reminded that our OSFGC organization has pledged us to "protect and conserve the natural resources of the Planet Earth..." for both the present and for future generations. Thank you all, for your faithful contributions to this mission.

Your State President's Project is to "Plant Pollinator Gardens in Public Places" with the goal of planting two gardens per Club during this administration. Choose planting sites in your community that are highly visible and plant flowers and blooming shrubs just for the pollinators. These can be new sites or you might choose to expand an existing site.

Our state project focuses on doing our part to reverse the trend of diminishing bee and butterfly populations as their decline has a direct impact on our own food supply. We know how to grow healthy, prolific blooming plants; let's "Bee" proactive and plant even more. The bees and butterflies will thank us!

The new OSFGC directories are now available and were distributed to District Directors at the Fall Board meeting. All Club Presidents should receive four copies for their club's executive committee. Use these valuable reference books to support your information links to State Committee Chairmen,

Contests, Districts and Clubs, Bylaws, Affiliates, Judges and much more. One of the new features is a list of State, Pacific Region and National contests with entry deadlines, found on page 66. Pick one or more for your Club and let's have some fun.

Happy fall!

Gaye Stewart
President, OSFGC



Executive Reports

1st Vice-President Tanja Swanson
Membership

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Thank you for inviting me to your District Meetings. This Fall I made it to six meetings. Thanks to my husband Andy who is driving me all over Oregon! We hope to make it to some different ones in spring. We love getting more and more acquainted with the different towns and areas. So lucky to live where we can enjoy such breathtaking nature. The colors this fall were extraordinary. And sometimes the colors inside the meeting hall were competing with the colors outside, like all the different Papier-mâché pumpkins at the Siskiyou District Meeting. There are so many talented, creative people in our clubs! I also enjoyed the programs, each one different, fun and educational. I'll share some pictures elsewhere in the Mahonia.

At each meeting I challenged the membership to show me a business card or preferably a flyer with their Club's or District's information on it. If you did, you were rewarded with either candy or a honey stick. I think it is really important to be able to follow up a conversation about Garden Clubs with contact information. Aren't you proud of your Club, your District, your State Garden Clubs? I am! I talk to anyone who wants to listen to me about Garden Clubs and about all the fun and important projects we do. Even if the person doesn't actually join, you made him or her aware of our existence and perhaps they will pass on the information. Some Clubs make bookmarks with all the contact information on it, or bookmarks that show the year's programs. Other Districts have flyers with all their Clubs' information. And sometimes just a business card will do.

I hope the next time I visit your meeting I'll run out of candy and honey sticks!



Forget-Me-Not

*Thank you Gaye and
Dallas Garden Club*

*For a hosting a wonderful State Board Meeting
and Luncheon.*

*We enjoyed the garden tour, the workshops,
and the delicious lunch!*

Highlight little Bee Girl!

Thank you from Tanja Swanson!



What is Protocol?

Protocol is generally being courteous, polite, gracious, treating others as we would like to be treated; as certain officers at certain levels have rank. The rank is to be considered in seating, introductions, receiving and serving lines. It is an extension of the rules of courtesy. We also realize that our officers are looked upon as having achieved a certain position of honor. Please and thank you are fine words we need to use always.

Flag Etiquette – As you recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America, be mindful there is no comma between the words Nation and under, therefore, it should be recited as, one *Nation under God*, not *one Nation . . . under God*. In addition, the location of the flag goes on the right of the speaker, which is the left of the audience.

Email Etiquette – There are numerous do's and don'ts about email etiquette. However, I'm highlighting one that is most important. It pertains to sending an email to an extensive list of recipients. Don't put all the addresses in the "To" and "Cc" lines. Most people don't want their email addresses displayed for all to see. It's better to send messages individually or use the blind-copy (Bcc) feature, which allows you to show only one address. The salutation can read to all State Board of Directors or to all Club Presidents.

When recognizing state officers - Stand before the State President is introduced. For instance, as the District Director says, "Please stand as I introduce the OSFGC President Gaye Stewart." Also, allow time on the agenda for the President to speak, either at that time or during the meeting. At a function where a meal is served, do not eat until the State President picks up her eating utensil.





I hope to have all the membership cards mailed to those clubs who have paid their dues sometime early in November and all dues should be paid by then.

I have greatly enjoyed attending three District meetings, the delicious lunches served and hearing the various speakers. Also, it has been encouraging to hear about your Club projects and the participation by many members to keep your Clubs active. And the best part — Getting to meet and greet you all! Thank you for inviting me.

501(c)(3) Matters

1. Recently information has been distributed indicating a simplified method of applying to the IRS to become a 501(c)(3) to achieve tax exempt status. This information is inaccurate or incomplete, because the State of Oregon requires incorporation. Additionally, OSFGC clubs can apply to be included in OSFGC's group exemption with no fee to the IRS. Please ask Karen Brown, wkbrown@embarqmail.com, for further information if your Club wishes to apply.
2. Clubs that are 501(c)(3) under OSFGC, remember to file your annual form 990-N (e-postcard) before November 15th. Access the IRS.gov website. Select the "Charities and nonprofits" tab at the top, then "annual reporting and filing", then in the first text line "Annul returns", then "990-N", then "Ready to file" and follow the instructions. It is not difficult but may be different than last year.

This is important to keep your 501(c)(3) status.



O suns and skies and clouds of June,
And flowers of June together,
Ye cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather;

When loud the bumblebee makes haste,
Belated, thriftless vagrant,
And goldenrod is dying fast,
And lanes with grapes are fragrant;

When gentians roll their fingers tight
To save them for the morning,
And chestnuts fall from satin burrs
Without a sound of warning;

When on the ground red apples lie
In piles like jewels shining,
And redder still on old stone walls
Are leaves of woodbine twining;

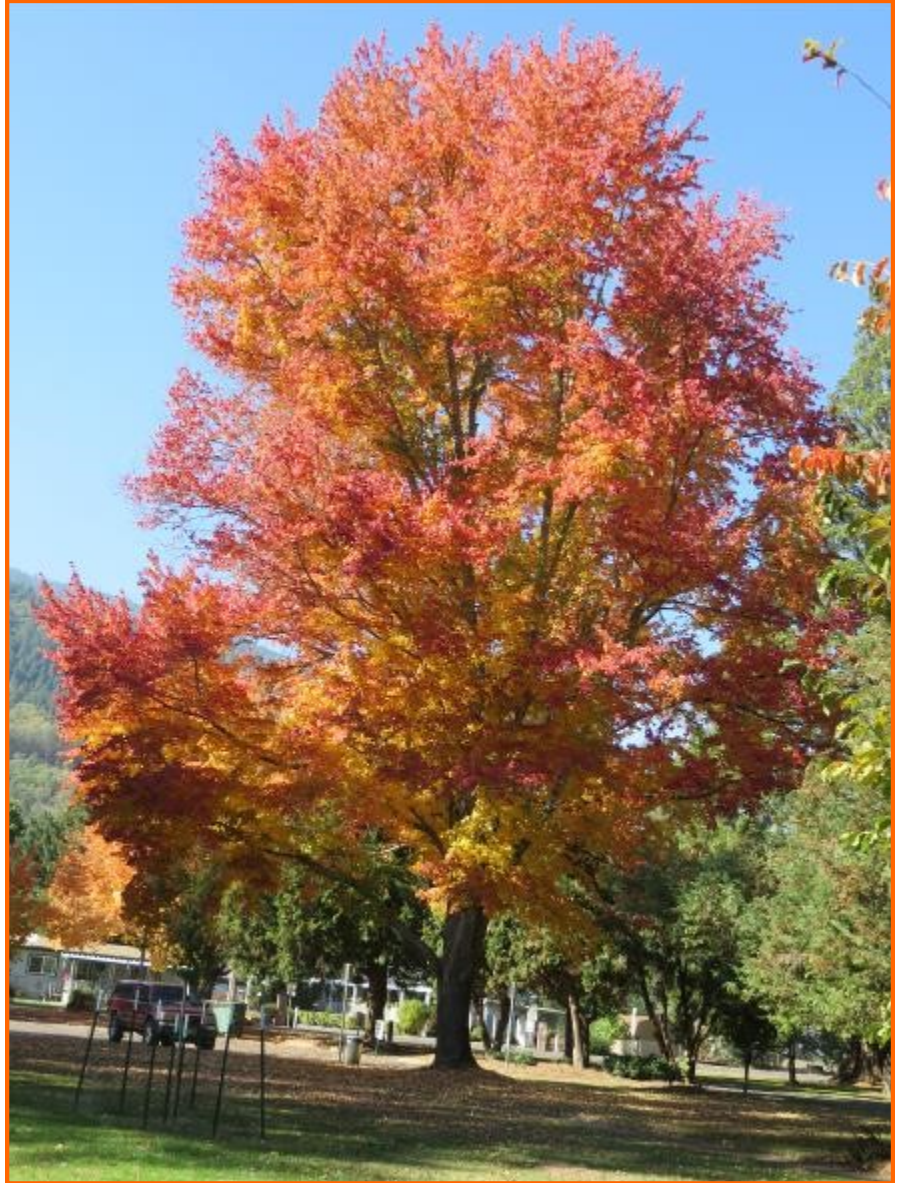
When all the lovely wayside things
Their white-winged seeds are sowing,
And in the fields still green and fair,
Late aftermaths are growing;

When springs run low, and on the brooks,
In idle golden freighting,
Bright leaves sink noiseless in the hush
Of woods, for winter waiting;

When comrades seek sweet country haunts,
By twos and twos together,
And count like misers, hour by hour,
October's bright blue weather.

O sun and skies and flowers of June,
Count all your boasts together,
Love loveth best of all the year
October's bright blue weather.

Helen Hunt Jackson-1830-1885





OSFGC Board Meeting
October 8-9
Dallas, Oregon



Touring Gaye's delightful garden and the
adjoining Community Garden



OSFGC Board Meeting

Sunday Workshops

Katie Smith taught a class on tiny pumpkin arrangements



Darlene Gowen talked about
Dry Farming.
Want to know more:
vernor5@msn.com



OSFGC Board Meeting

Monday



Dallas Garden Club served a wonderful and delicious lunch



Highlight was the absolutely adorable Bee Girl



Committee Reports

Blue Star Markers

Nancy Ebsen, Chair

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On September 24th, Grants Pass Garden Club dedicated Siskiyou District's 11th Blue Star Marker and Oregon's first Gold Star By-Way Marker in a beautiful ceremony in Riverside Park.



Members of the Old Guard
Riding For Vets group



Gaye Stewart and Nancy Ebsen,
Oregon State Federation of
Garden Clubs



Members of the GPGC
Blue Star / Gold Star
Memorial Marker Committee



Presentation of Colors - Rogue Valley
Young Marines





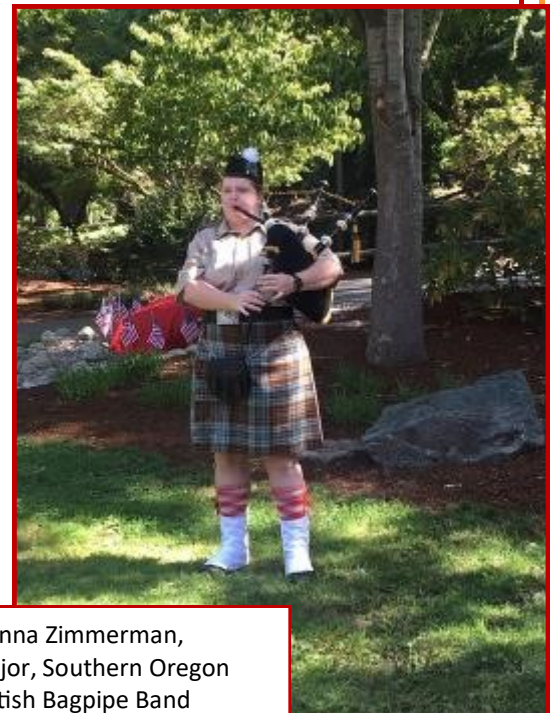
Gold Star Memorial By-Way Marker.
This By-Way Marker is the first
throughout the State of Oregon.



Lou Nally, Director -
History of Siskiyou District
Garden Clubs



Our guests



Shonna Zimmerman,
Pipe Major, Southern Oregon
Scottish Bagpipe Band

Steps to Container Gardening

Many people are interested in gardening, but not sure which way to proceed. They may consider starting off with container gardening. In that manner they have control over the containers and can easily adjust the needs. It is not so intimidating as tackling the whole expanse of possible garden areas surrounding your house.

When shopping for both plants and containers, considerations should be made for color, shape and form of both items. If you prefer soft subdued monochromatic colors, try to acquire items that have similar shading and tints to match or complement each other. If bright splashes of colors are preferable, look for the dramatic and bold clear colors of container and plant.

As you proceed to match container and plant, keep room for potential growth of the plant and its roots. Does the main stem grow upward or does the plant sprout its growth in more than one direction? Do the leaves usually grow upward or do they cascade down? If you have chosen a vigorously growing plant it may be necessary to "repot" more than once.

Enjoy your steps into container gardening.



November 1 is the deadline for Yearbook and Yearbook Covers.

December 1 is the deadline for Garden Therapy, Newsletter Awards, NGC Youth High School Essays and NGC Youth Poetry Contest, **Let It Grow**.

December 15 is the deadline for Flower Show Awards.

November 1 is the deadline to apply for a Grant of up to \$1000.00 for the NGC PLANT AMERICA project.

Check the NGC website, gardenclub.org, for application and information.

Please check the State website - oregongardenclubs.org
the Pacific Region website - pacificregiongardenclubs.org
and the NGC website gardenclub.org for contest rules or contact me for information.

NGC Poetry Contest

2017-2018 Theme: "Let it Grow"

Let's Encourage Creative Writing – Excite and encourage our Youth to express and explore their creative thoughts through different types of poetry. NGC's Poetry Contest enables our Youth to embrace their creativity through the art of writing. Be imaginative and join the winners to see your poetry in a printed booklet!

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

Dates for Submission:

December 1 – Club entries due to State Chairman:

Saundra Rassi
21300 SE Bohna Park Rd.
Damascus, OR. 97189-8323
hatl8e@aol.com

Contest Rules

Scale of Points

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

Title: 10%
Content: 40%
Creativity: 30%
Style: 20%
Total: 100%

Note: Only regional winners are considered in the judging for national winners. Contest winners will not be allowed to win two consecutive years. All of the winning entries will be compiled into a booklet, which will be made available to the winners.

Flower Show Credentials Report

Cece Delfs, Chair

To date, my OSFGC Judging Credential Report shows that there are:

5 Student Judges

4 Accredited Judges

5 Life Judges

25 Master Judges

For a total of 39 Judges in Oregon

Four Judges will need to apply for an extension as of December 31, 2017 to maintain their accreditation. This extension is only for 6 months. Unless these Judges attend a Symposium in another state in 2018 or an eligible Flower Show School, they will need to ask for a second extension, before the OSFGC Symposium in the fall of 2018.

A special thank you to Marcia Kay Whitelock for her advice and prodding for me to get these Judging Credentials updated.

Garden Clubs of Idaho, Inc. and Treasure Valley Judges' Council host NGC Flower Show School Course I April 12-13, 2018. For more information contact Pat Baker:

Phone: 208-870-1299 e-mail: patbaker@live.com



Esther Marple (Siskiyou's Judge's Council)
Winner of this years Suzy Twist-Powell
Designer of the Year Award



Report from Designer Guild

The Elsie Skinner Progressive Designers Guild hosted Linda Nelson-Bentson, former Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs President and National Garden Club President, on September 25 at the Boring Fire Station meeting room. Linda's program focused on her "Evolving Life in Design." Linda shared some tips and techniques she has developed over the years. Pictured are a few of the beautiful designs that she created right on the spot.



Suzy Twist-Powell Designer Award Nomination Form:

Name of Person being nominated _____

(This name will be hidden from the judges.)

This person qualifies for the Suzy Twist-Powell Designer of the Year Award in these ways:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

6. _____

Other things you wish to express that may assist the judges in selecting your candidate:

Although it is not a requirement, a Book of Evidence is helpful.

Signed _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Date _____

Before May 1, 2018, please send this form to: Siskiyou Judges Council

Shirley Schmidt

1630 Williams Hwy.

Grants Pass, OR. 97527-5660



Invasive plants! They have a bad reputation of invading our farmlands, orchards, fields, meadows, golf courses, public parks, back yards, front yards, sidewalks, property perimeters, flower beds and vegetable patches!

The term "invasive" is used for the most aggressive species, otherwise we call them weeds! These species grow and reproduce rapidly, causing major disturbance to the area in which they are growing.

A sample of an invasive herbaceous perennial, *Physalis Alkekengi*, common name, Chinese Lantern, and very invasive! Its origin is Japan and southern Europe. This plant is especially aggressive. Gardeners may love the look of the bright orange lanterns, but if growing them in a traditional flowerbed or garden, soon realize they have an invasive taking charge. These plants spread alarmingly quickly via seeds and underground stems, sending up new shoots all over the place and often surprisingly far from the original site.

To rid the garden of lanterns try pulling the creeping rootstocks. Just remember, we as National Garden Club members should protect our pollinators, so try to use non-toxic controls when eradicating. Another option would be to grow them in containers.

Homemade Weed-killer Recipe from the book:

HOW TO ERADICATE INVASIVE PLANTS by Teri Dunn Chace, Timber Press, Portland-London

Although the ingredients are common household products, they are indeed toxic to all plants. Deploy with care, using a hand sprayer or a brush to apply to individual plants if overspray is a concern.

In a large plastic jug, combine:

1 gallon white vinegar (strength more than 5% acidity or use horticultural grade vinegar @ 20% acidity)

1 cup table salt

1 Tablespoon dishwashing liquid

Mix well by shaking. Label. Store extra out of reach of children and pets.

Avoid using vinegar near concrete patio or walkway.

Photo Contest

Karen Ramsey, Chair

OSFGC 2018 Calendars and Note Cards Order Form

2018 Calendar	\$15.00
Mailing 1 st Class	2.50 = \$17.50
Note Cards (package of 6)	\$15.00
Mailing 1 st Class	1.75 = \$16.75
Note Cards and Calendar	\$30.00
Mailing 1 st Class	3.00 = \$33.00



Best in Show - Wildlife - Color

Photographer - Sharon Atiller - Santiam District

The **postage** quoted is for mailing within Oregon only. Mailing to another state will have an additional mailing fee.

Karen Ramsey will prepare the orders and mail them directly to you.

Checks are payable to OSFGC.

Name _____ Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Color Cards _____ Black&White Cards _____

#Calendars _____ #Note Card Sets _____ Total Plus Postage \$_____

Send Order Form along with check or money order Payable to OSFGC to:

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

Questions? Call (541)479-5513

e-mail: sierrakr@aol.com



Corrections

Page 118. Lynne Hatfield...address is in ESTACADA, OR.

There were a few more corrections but they got lost in the hustle and bustle at the Board Meeting.

Please e-mail your corrections to Karen Varty kvarty@comcast.net

And we will publish them in the Mahonia.

Please note that:

The NGC awards have drastically changed and due dates have changed as well.

They have been combined, condensed, and renamed. Some have been eliminated.

There are a few minor changes to the PR awards to match with NGC. Read the rules carefully. The NGC rules have a typo on page 28 for scale of points for yearbooks. Under Programs - #3 List of speakers - it should be 4 points not 3.

The Rules Lists are located on the OSFGC, Inc. website under Awards. Due dates will soon be on the website.



Forget-Me-Not

*Thank you Darla Bulmer
and
Karen Varty!*

*What a tremendous job you do every two years
putting the State Directory together.*

You are sooo appreciated!

Love from Tanja Swanson!

Keli is a volunteer at the West Linn Adult Community Center and writes for their newsletter and the local newspaper The Tidings. She is disabled and uses a wheelchair. She appreciates the need to adapt gardening to changing needs.

An interest in gardening should not have to be abandoned as someone enters the later stages of life. Yet, unfortunately, that is often the case. Changes in mobility, energy, vision or dexterity can make a favorite hobby a struggle, or even impossible. Luckily a little planning and adaptation can keep the senior gardener enjoying a beloved past time and reaping a bounty of rewards.

There are a host of reasons that the gardening is beneficial to us. These benefits become even more valuable as we age. The routine acts of gardening can be very soothing and relaxing to the mind. Some avid gardeners report entering a meditative state as they work, lowering heart rate and blood pressure. The physical benefits are another great reason to pursue this activity. Stretching, coordination, balance and strength are all exercised. This can lead to better or maintained mobility. Financially, gardening can have advantages too. Growing and eating your own food can save you money. Those on a fixed income enjoy being able to stretch their monthly budget and cut shopping lists by growing and preserving fruits and vegetables. The fresh homegrown produce provides a wealth of fiber and nutrition that can keep the body healthy and ward off illness.

Gardening can be enjoyed well into one's golden years if a few adjustments are made to accommodate changing abilities. Often, something as simple as placing a few chairs or seating options around the garden area, or investing in long handled tools, can make a big difference and keep this activity safe, comfortable and enjoyable. Other helpful ideas include using a gardening tool cart on wheels that can double as a seat, aid in moving heavy objects, and serve as convenient tool storage. You can purchase these at most garden centers or find plans to build one online. Raised beds with smooth pathways around them can be ideal for a wheelchair or walker to gain access. The sides can provide a readily available seat or support. You can make the beds as high as needed. They not only provide ease of access, but can cut down on weeding. Make sure you can reach the center of the bed from all sides to avoid dangerous balance challenges. Consider spray painting all hand tools white for easy locating when set down. If dexterity is an issue you might want to use seed tape, a seed clicker, or soil that has the seeds already added to it. You can also buy seed mats that you cut with scissors to fit your planting space. The seed mats only need to be watered and will grow into a lush cluster of vegetation without any need for laborious digging or planting. A lightweight, coiled hose is a great solution for watering without having to lift a heavy watering can. A long handled, rain nozzle attachment can be very helpful in reaching over and around things. The type of plants you choose can also effect how pleasurable the garden experience can be. It's best to choose plants that are hardy and easy to grow. Plants that require less watering and care, smell good, feel velvety, are colorful or attract butterflies, can maximize gardening enjoyment.

Some other good tips for senior gardening are wearing loose clothing, a hat and sun screen, drinking water and also taking a cell phone out with you. Limit your sun exposure by tending the garden in early morning or evening hours. Lastly, pay close attention to your body. If you run out of energy or feel overheated, take a break and go inside. The plants will wait for you.

Gardening is one of the most popular hobbies in America today and can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities if a little thought, adaptation and planning is employed. Whether you take steps for yourself or an aging loved one, senior gardeners can continue to enjoy a fruitful harvest of benefits and a bounty of well-being.



Penny Pines –Smokey Bear

There is an enormous need to collect monies for Pennies for Pines now. Over 50,000 acres have burned in the Gorge alone. It will be up to us and other conservationists to bring back the "green" beauty to Oregon. I am quickly reminded just how special Oregon is. My little brother, who lives in Nebraska, also is an interstate truck driver and travels all the roads, came to Oregon a few years back for a visit. Matthew was surprised to see how green our state was. Now, I am sure, it is a different story.

It is also a call to teach young children fire safety - Smokey Bear. As well as a wake up call to be concerned about our environment.

Fireworks should never be in the forests!

Submitted by Colleen Foster , member of Petal Pushers Garden Club in Multnomah District.



Eagle Creek Fire by Curtis Perry
Picture taken on September 4, 2017

Gary, who wrote about his experiences during the height of the Eagle Creek Fire, is part of the Columbian Garden Club, which is located in Corbett, Oregon .

Very early in the morning on September the 5th we received an anxious call from Carissa our renter about leaving as soon as possible. Her sister is one of the Fire Chiefs out here in Corbett, so as sleepy as I was, I was inclined to believe her. My wife and I had some things packed because we were in Evacuation Level 2. Bev loaded up what we had ready, plus the cat, and headed over two blocks away to my 92-year-old mother's house. I stayed and got a little more stuff, including one tub of documents from Corbett's Historical Society.

Bev couldn't get an answer on mother's phone so she pounded on Mom's windows to warn & wake her. When I got there Mom said she was scared to death about the noise, wondering about what was happening. It took a while to convince Mom of the gravity of the fire situation, but she reluctantly picked up a few things with my help. I started up her 2000 Buick Century and off we went to Portland.

We are all back home now after two days at our daughter's house. We are still at Level 2 and a little concerned about what may happen Monday when the East Wind is supposed to return. So we are off to a community meeting at the Corbett High School where there will be news from the fire-fighting officials. Life is far from being normal at this point. Will CHS be open on Monday? Yes. Will we be able to have our Columbian Garden Club meeting on Wednesday morning at the Corbett Fire Hall? Yes.

We wish to thank Multnomah District members for their continued concern and it was nice to attend the District meeting at Leach on Thursday. We love the beauty at Leach Botanical Gardens, the National Gorge Scenic Area and our own homes out here in East County. One of our "younger" members, Karen, hooked a sprinkler on top of her 2-story house – how did she do that? That's being ready as the fires never got closer to us in Springdale than 5-miles to the east. Karen has a beautiful home and yard as some of you may have visited it during the District's Garden Tour last fall. Elaine's house is about the same distance away and is safe, although she left home for a while. One of our ex-Club members, Debbie Lowery, lives in Latourell and had to evacuate at Level 3. She is the one who has been in the nursery sales business for many years and last year had flower sales at Tamura Farms on Troutdale Road. Her place was spared thanks to the many firefighters who are working so hard to protect homes and property.

I see ash and cinders on everything here and think about what burnt. Some of it may be from the Douglas-fir tree I walked by with our Austrian exchange student last fall. We hiked up to Pony Falls and Triple Falls. Such scenes he captured on camera as we saw the Gorge and river through openings along the trail. These scenes won't be re-captured soon, as all trails will be unsafe to hike until next year.

Individually we are all caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife. The protection we pledge is dramatically compromised by wildfires. We in Corbett are grateful to the near 1,000 fire fighters and Federal Department of Interior folks who are giving the Gorge top priority. Now we must, as residents of Corbett, step back and trust the experts to end this catastrophe.

The western side of the Cascades from the Pacific Crest trail to Corbett is a rain forest declared one out-of-state firefighting official. The amount of moisture and humidity from this lush forest vegetation even in the dry summer is a big deterrent to the fire's advance. The maidenhair ferns so tender and

beautiful help fight fires! The low land next to the river in the Gorge is more prone to burn fast than the rugged slopes of the forest. Strong east winds would cause deadlier effects in the forest as the fire would crown. This official also said, "Fires unaided by winds, like to advance up slopes and not down them, so the ridges can be a stopping point to the fire's advance." We left the meeting much encouraged.



Maidenhair fern

Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl Report

Colleen Foster, Chair

Schools have opened their doors and it is a great time to start the kids thinking about the poster contest, especially with all the wildfires we are experiencing here in the state of Oregon.

What a perfect opportunity to educate them about what a fire does to the earth, environment, and our precious critters, both above and below the ground, as well as the soil itself.

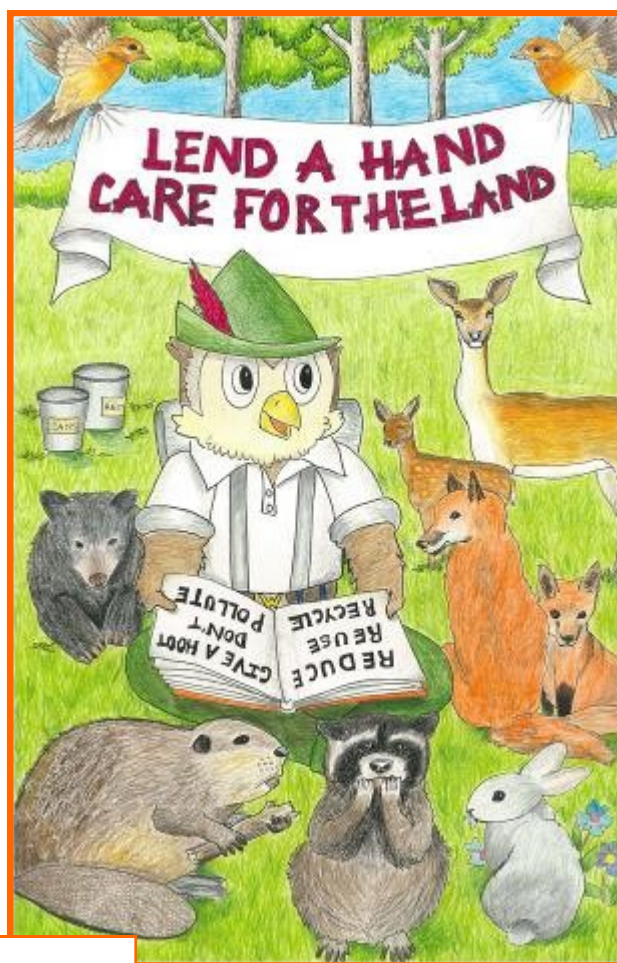
It is also a time where we can provide children a way to help plant trees. Explain what the Penny Pines campaign is about. Show them that they too, can make a difference. The kids can help by collecting pennies and donating them to the Oregon forests which have experienced a fire.

It brings to my mind, a Margaret Mead quote I cherish and I hope you do too:

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

Ms. Mead’s quote offers me hope. Hope for the future. As gardeners who have made a pledge to be caretakers of our Earth, we have the opportunity to plant a seed in these little growing minds. You just never know who will be the botanist, scientist, engineer, fire fighter, police officer, an activist, or a gardener.

Please encourage your Clubs to be part of this change and plant the seeds of hope in our next generation.



Grand Prize Winner 2017:
5th Grade: Khushi Patel
Sponsored by Suburban Garden Club,
Germantown, Tennessee

For more information and contest rules:
<http://www.gardenclub.org/youth/>

In Memoriam

Juanita Manley

Longtime Eugene Garden Club member Juanita Manley passed away September 14 within two weeks of being diagnosed with cancer. Family and friends were able to be with her in her last few weeks and she died peacefully at age 87.

Juanita joined the Eugene Garden Club in 1970 and never slowed down in her participation in gardening, horticulture, floral design and teaching others. She started the "Tender Sprouts" 4H Club! She became an NGC Flower Show Judge dozens of years ago and then a NGC Flower Show Instructor. Many of our Oregon Flower Show Judges had her as an instructor many times in horticulture and also floral design in both Flower Show Schools as well as Symposiums. She was highly respected in those roles. Juanita also served as the Lane County Fair Floral Superintendent for many years, beginning in the 1980's. She was Eugene Garden Club President 1994-1995 and served as our Horticulture Chairman for many years. She loved starting new plants from cuttings and has many starts in her yard that her family is sharing with her friends. A Celebration of her Life is planned for the Spring, which will be announced on a memorial website juanitainthegarden.com

By Sherry Cossey





In memoriam

Gwen Olson

Remembering a Garden Club Friend

One of the very first people I met when I joined The OSFGC Inc. was Scappoose member, Gwen Olson. Our paths first crossed at a Pioneer District Board meeting when Ruth Pasley, District Director, asked me to be Conservation Chairman. Gwen was a representative for Scappoose Garden Club. Iris Pasero was the rep for St. Helens Garden Club, and she knew how passionate I was about a certain conservation issue and mentioned it to Ruth.

Over several years, we became good friends. Many times, Stan and I were guests at her home overlooking Sauvie Island and the Columbia River. We shared many of the same passions of gardening and birding. Soon Gwen was asked to serve as Treasurer for Pioneer District because of her accounting background. She held that position for eight years and then was asked to serve on the State level, a position she held for two terms. Her books were always in order and a dream to do a financial review. Under her guidance, many clubs applied for their 501(c)(3) and became not-for-profit registered.

She also was very active in the Scappoose Garden Club, continuing for many years, until she assumed the health care of her husband, Keith. And their Australian dog, Blue. Those who have had to care for a loved one will understand how much that can adversely affect the caregiver. After Keith's passing, Gwen's health started to slowly fade.

As District Director, Stan was always sure to ask Gwen to do the Financial Review for the District, which she continued to do even this past Summer. Gwen was always a true friend and seldom uttered a critical word about anyone or anything. I will miss her both as a Garden Club member and faithful friend.

By Lynn Chiotti and Stan

Gwendolyne Lorraine Olson
Sept. 21, 1928 - Oct. 10, 2017

Leach Botanical Garden

OSFGC gave funds for the Leach Summer Intern program.

This year's intern: Samantha Weiss

This year's summer intern, Sammy, is a senior at the University of Missouri, located in Columbia. Born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, Sammy and family moved to East Peoria when she was seven. Initially, Sammy thought she would pursue a degree in Fisheries and Wildlife. Not sure if she really wanted to be a park ranger, she took an elective class in environmental horticulture and decided to change her emphasis to a degree in Plant Sciences: Horticulture Science and Design.

Sammy hopes to own her own landscape design/architecture business one day, with an eye towards designing accessible therapeutic gardens that incorporate all the senses. Her passion in this area was noted on her application stating... "I want to educate others on the beautiful and therapeutic qualities that plant life possesses, and to create spaces that inspire and intrigue."

For 10 weeks, Sammy rotated through several aspects of administration and maintenance of a botanical garden. The goal of the Leach internship program is to provide a rich hands-on experience in a public garden that will enhance or strengthen the skills, and knowledge of the college student. This is the garden's third year in offering the position. We are thankful for the partial funding we receive through the Gary W. Simone Scholarship Fund. If you are interested in our program or know of someone who may be, applications for summer 2018 will be available on our website, www.leachgarden.org,



Recycled Art

Phyllis Olson, Chair

Outdoor Art Made Of Recycled Tech Items

High School contest Hanging design, on a stake or stand alone. Recycled items you might use: Floppy discs, keyboard, printer parts, speakers, tower, mouse, flip phone, scanner lid, or ear buds.

Be creative

Take a few pictures of the art piece and send the pictures to:

Phyllis Olson [80840 Dufur Valley Road, Dufur, OR 97021](mailto:80840.Dufur.Valley.Road.Dufur.OR.97021) .

Name of artist, age, sponsoring Club and District.

On a separate page, tell me what items you used and where they came from; where they should be taken to be recycled.

Deadline for entry is **January 10, 2018.**

Pictures can also be e-mailed to: bloomsgreens@gmail.com

Prizes awarded will be \$15.00 First Place, \$10.00 Second Place \$5.00 Third Place



Reports from Districts and Clubs

Blue Mountain District

Cece Delfs, Director 2017-2019

The Blue Mountain District is alive and well. Well, sort of well. We are now down to 3 Clubs in the District! Umatilla and Bloomer Girls, have merged into one club, Umatilla-Hermiston Garden Club. Our other 2 Clubs are Condon Garden Club and Milton-Freewater Garden Club.

My theme is: "Knowing, Growing and Showing"

The Condon Club meets the first Tuesday of each month, from October to June. This month, they have made a scarecrow to place in their mini-park in Condon.

The Milton Freewater Club, keeps the gardens at the Jr. Livestock Show Grounds and the Blue Star Memorial Marker. They meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month and will host the fall District Meeting October 21st.

The Umatilla-Hermiston Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month, year-round. This summer the Club helped weed and plant flowers at the Umatilla Museum, they also work at the Blue Star Memorial Marker in Umatilla.

These are just a few of the activities of the Clubs. We are also looking for new members and have increased our membership.

Clackamas District

Carolyn Olley, Director 2017-2019



District Meeting October 5



Klamath District

Lavon Ostrick and Jaye Weiss, Co-Directors 2017-2019



District Meeting September 29



Great Grownup Library Spelling Bee
October 12,
Fundraiser for Klamath District
Memorial Garden.
Klamath members made all the
flower arrangements

The Gorge Fruit and Art Fair and Odell Garden Club Flower Show

It was a very rainy start to the Gorge Fruit and Art fair and Odell Garden Club Flower Show on October 21st. Once again, Parkdale Garden Club and Hood River Evening Garden Club joined us in the floral building with their crafts, bake goods, potholders, towels, and pumpkins.



"Autumn Tea" 1st place \$50 Judy Wols
Oriental dishes and lavender table cloth/napkins

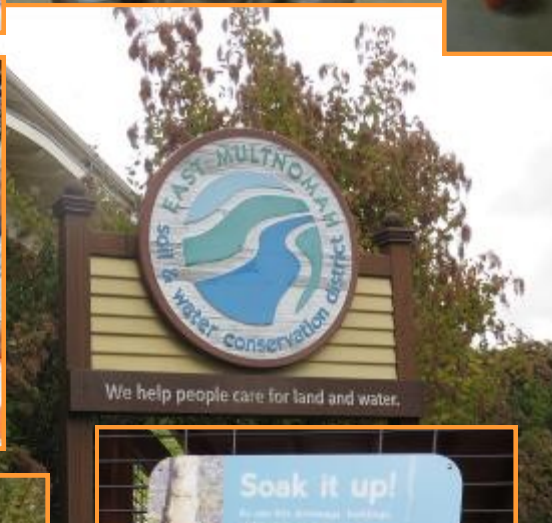
"Rhythm of the Seasons"
1st Place \$50 Judy Wols
"Mood of Halloween"



59 bouquets and sold all but 4!



District Meeting October 6



Program: East Multnomah Soil and Water Conservation District

Portland District

Chris McClure and Carole Schuldt, Co-Directors 2017-2019



Having Fun at the District Meeting
October 20



Ikebana by Nana



Santiam District

Joli Root, Director 2015-2019

District Meeting October 19



A most enthusiastic employee from Garland Nursery talked about planting color for spring and made you wish you could buy all of her plants!



Santiam District

Joli Root, Director 2015-2019

Lebanon Garden Club had a tour on October 4 to a restaurant in Philomouth called "Gathering Together Farms." The Farm grows a wide variety of organic produce with a thriving CSA program, farm stand & restaurant. The staff works in the areas of field, barn, greenhouse, kitchen, restaurant, office, and farmers' markets. The Farmstand Restaurant provides a very special and intimate venue to further a connection with the community by turning the bounty of the season into delicious and beautiful dishes we can then share with our community and those just passing through.



Truck load of carrots from the field at Gathering together Farm.



After lunch, we drove up the road to Green Gable Gardens and Pumpkin Farm Store where they grow over a 100 varieties of winter squashes and is a full-service florist. The gift shop was having a sale on Christmas decorations. Everyone found something they couldn't live without. We even found Charlie Brown's giant pumpkin.





District Meeting October 18



Wow!



The Lonely Bouquet

For two years in a row, the Ashland Garden Club has had a floral design project called the Lonely Bouquet. The Lonely Bouquet program was begun by Emily Avenson, a young California woman who moved to Belgium and began a floral farm and florist business. In her enthusiasm, she planted annuals, perennials, bulbs, and tubers and they all flourished. She found she had many more flowers than she could use. To share their beauty with others, she began making arrangements and “abandoning” them in public places with a tag that read “I am a Lonely Bouquet; please give me a home.” When traveling, she would make a small bouquet and put it in a glass jelly jar and abandon it with a tag explaining the Lonely Bouquet concept. In just a few years, the movement has spread all over the world.

The idea got the attention of the media, and it spread across Europe and beyond. The Lonely Bouquet movement is now a worldwide phenomenon and has been featured in several international floral design magazines. It has its own Facebook page where anyone can log on and note where they abandoned a bouquet or found one. There is even an annual International Lonely Bouquet Day each June.

Last year was the first year that the Ashland Garden Club made the bouquets under the direction of Molly Caruthers, a new garden club member. We made 40 arrangements, each topped with a floral pick holding a card saying “Take me Home,” followed by a brief explanation of the Lonely Bouquet and the program’s objective – to spread happiness, one flower at a time. The arrangements included a pre-stamped postcard addressed to the Club, and finders were encouraged to return it to the club with news of where each bouquet was found. The bouquets were abandoned on park benches, at the post office, in front of Ashland Hardware, on the bike path, at the DMV, and many other locations.

Besides flowers and greenery from our members’ gardens, we also received donations from Fry Family Farms, LeMera Gardens, Albertsons, and Safeway.

Our Club hopes that other Clubs will join in and become a southern Oregon Lonely Bouquet movement. Anyone can set out a Lonely Bouquet for others. The joy that flowers seem to bring to others is immeasurable, and it seems as though flowers and finders are brought together at amazingly appropriate times. Feel free to check our blog, www.ashlandorgardenclub.org, for photos of us making the bouquets.

By Viki Ashford





2017-2019

Spreading Your Butterfly Wings to Fly:

Sharing your Knowledge of Gardening

Peggy Olin Regional Director

The Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs selected the Sedona Area Garden Club for an award of \$1000 in recognition of their commitment to restore the Butterfly Garden at Big Park Community School as an educational tool.

The Pollinator Garden was originally conceived and created in 2003, accompanying a fourth grade classroom program called "From Seeds to Trees".

The first requirement for the Million Pollinator Garden Challenge award application was for each of the 35 SAGC members to register their home garden at share.pollinator.org and pledge to plant a new pollinator plant and send a photo of it to AFGC.

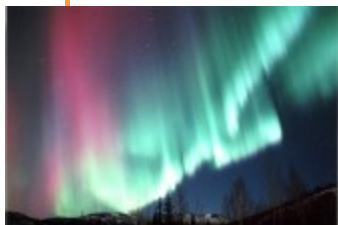
In addition, SAGC had to initiate or rehabilitate a community garden project, determine the budget and document the work plans. SAGC enthusiastically chose to rehabilitate the Big Park Butterfly Garden. Juanita Peterson, President, leads SAGC. Co-chairs of the Butterfly Garden Committee include Betty Loos, Jennifer Moreland, and Jan Billiam, all Master Gardeners of the University of Arizona Yavapai County Extension Program. The completion date of the Big Park Community School Butterfly Garden is May 2018.

Peggy was in Sedona, Arizona Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc., Northern District, High Desert Designers Garden Club for the Blue Star Memorial Dedication October 11, 2017 at the Sedona Public Library "A Gathering in Sedona - A Day to Remember" and to see the Butterfly Garden.



Pacific Region News, cont.

INVITATION TO 75th ANNUAL PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC. CONVENTION 2018 CHENA HOT SPRINGS RESORT, FAIRBANKS, ALASKA April 6th – 9th, 2018



Let's talk about bucket lists!

Do you have things you'd like to experience while you still can?
You must have some things you haven't done.



How about riding on a **dog sled** behind Alaskan sled dogs?
What about viewing the **Northern Lights**?

Make that a little better, and view the Northern Lights from a **hot springs pool**?

How about drinking appletinis out of **glasses made of ice**?

And, you can make that better, too, by being in an ice museum where **EVERYTHING** is made of ice!



There will be many more firsts for you if you come visit Fairbanks April 6th – 9th, 2018 for our 75th Annual Pacific Region Garden Clubs, Inc. Convention! You'll fly into Fairbanks where you'll be transported 60 miles northeast to the end of the road at Chena Hot Springs Resort. Yes, there will be snow on the ground and it will be freezing at night. But, the days should be gorgeous with beautiful blue skies. Even though it's getting close to the end of the season for viewing Northern Lights, you'll still have a chance – we've put in our order for you!

**We'll have three days of
Whoopin'
Dippin'
Livin'
Eatin'
Learnin'
and
Viewin'**

With the nicest people we know!

You can extend your stay in Fairbanks if you choose. There's plenty to see and experience!

So, don't wait. There's no other resort around and we've blocked the best rooms for you – once they're gone, the choices get quite a bit more rustic! AND, the airline rates are just fantastic right now.

**We're all goin' to have a Great Time!
Come and See Us!**

Your Alaskan Friends Can't Wait to Show You Part of the Alaska We Love!

Call Becky at (907) 456-3066 or beckyhasse@aol.com with any questions.

News from National Garden Clubs



If you are looking for some special presents, the National Garden Club website has many interesting and pretty gifts that would be perfect for your Garden Club friends or any of the people on your list.

<http://www.shopgardenclub.org/shop/>

The "Vision of Beauty" calendar is not only a handy calendar, but also has inspiring photo's of ingenious designs. A lot of Clubs buy a case full of them and sell them as a fundraiser. This year some Oregon designers are featured in the calendar!



Show that you are a proud member of National Garden Clubs with the new "Plant America" buttons!



There are shawls, jewelry, books and more! So check out the web site and who knows you might find something for that very difficult person that you have to buy a gift for.

Happy Shopping!

Save The Date

June 11-13, 2018 91st OSFGC Convention Hosted by Santiam District

"TAKE A WALK IN OUR GARDEN"

Santiam District is busy planning the 2018 Convention in Lebanon at the Award Winning Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn and convention center. This facility is 3 years old and quite a feather in Lebanon's cap.



I am reaching out to our OSFGC Clubs to help us.

1. I would like to ask each District Director to ask their club members if they will send a **tea cup & saucer**. These will be used for the table settings and will be given away at our final banquet on Wednesday. Hopefully we can get enough so no one goes home empty handed. We do not expect you to send your most expensive, cherished china. These will not be returned but re-gifted. We need about 150 or so. A few extra might not be a bad idea as we don't have a final count yet.

I just bought a tea cup & saucer at a yard sale for \$1 and the 70 year old man who sold it said it belonged to his grandmother. Wow!

2. For Tuesday's banquet, I would like every Club member to make two Origami cranes and write your name and club name on it. I think this will be quite a gift for our key note speaker, Hoichi Kurisu. You don't really need Origami paper (but it is nicer), computer paper will work. Colors are encouraged. You may bring these to the Spring Board meeting.

Meaning of the Origami Crane

The Japanese word, "Origami" is a combination of two words in Japanese: "ori" which means "to fold" and "kami" which means "paper". It is believed that Japanese origami began in the 6th century and because of the high costs of paper, origami was only used for religious ceremonial purposes.

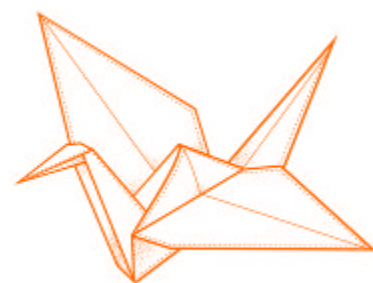
In Japan, the crane is a mystical creature and is believed to live for a thousand years. As a result, in the Japanese, Chinese and Korean culture, the crane represents good fortune and longevity. The Japanese refer to the crane as the "bird of happiness". The wings of the crane were believed to carry souls up to paradise. Mothers who pray for the protection of the crane's wings for their children will recite the prayer.

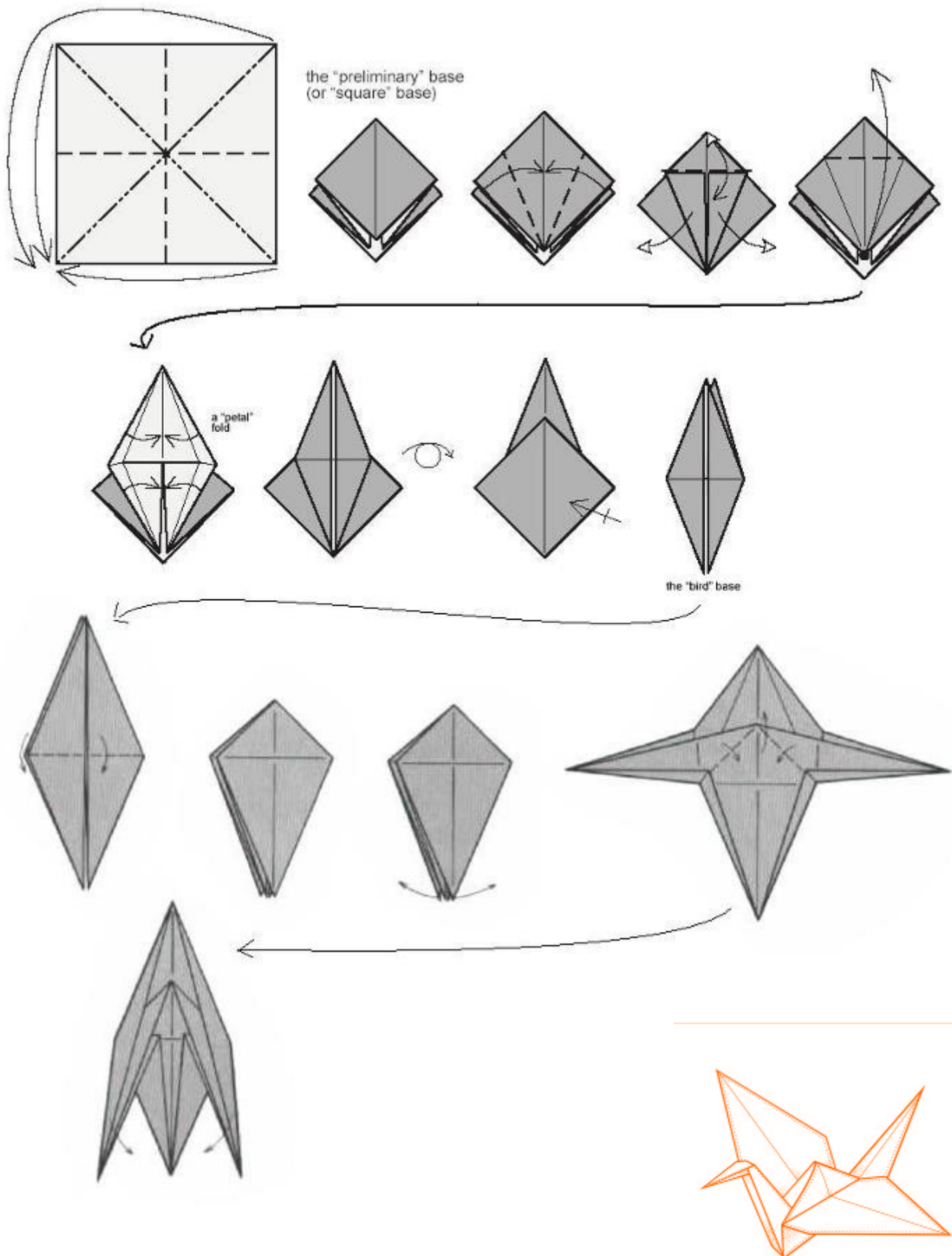
Traditionally, it was believed that if one folded 1000 origami cranes, one's wish would come true. It has also become a symbol of hope and healing during challenging times. As a result, it has become popular to fold 1000 cranes (in Japanese, called "senbazuru"). The cranes are strung together on strings – usually 25 strings of 40 cranes each – and given as gifts.

3. I am asking, again, for all the Clubs to send me two or three pictures of your activities throughout the year and please send some 2017 Convention pictures as well. I did not take any but got a few on Facebook.

Thank you for participating in this idea. I promise this will be fun.
Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 2018 Convention.

Joli Root 541.401.2336 jolir@centurytel.net







Calendar of Events

OSFGC Spring Board Meeting: March 4-5, 2018 Willamette District
Pacific Region Convention: April 6-8, 2018 Chena Hot Springs, Alaska
National Convention: May 21-24, 2018 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
OSFGC 91st Annual Convention: June 10-13, 2018 Boulder Falls Inn, Lebanon
OSFGC Fall Board Meeting: October 7-8, 2018 Pacific District
OSFGC Spring Board Meeting: March 3-4, 2019 Portland District
OSFGC 92nd Annual Convention: June 9-12, 2019 Klamath Falls

Website of interest

http://www.oregonlive.com/hg/index.ssf/2017/08/how_gardeners_can_help_bees_th.html

Fred Meyer community rewards number: OSFGC 91407
OSFGC receives a small portion of members' purchases.
Members may register this number on the Fred Meyer website.



Fun with Flowers



Forget-Me-Not

*To publish a **Forget-Me-Not** in the next issue of the
Mahonia: Send your \$10.00 check
made out to OSFGC to:
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2678 Brooks Ave, NE
Salem, OR 97301*

Send message to: mahonia.editor@gmail.com

Thank you for all your contributions to the Mahonia! The next issue will come out in December and will just be a short Seasonal issue. Please send me pictures of all the special things you do in your District and with your Clubs around this time of the year ... making wreaths, visiting shut-ins. I know you all do something. Send me the stories and pictures by **December 10th**. Also if you want to wish your Garden Club friends good cheer at that time, please send short wishes! I think it might be a nice start of a new tradition and we will use the freedom of not being on a printer schedule.

The next regular issue deadline will be **January 31st, 2018!**

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