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Winning Tips

What works in your Garden, Club, District?

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

“Edible flowers give two times the flavor – when planted with your vegetables. They look great in the garden and on the plate,” according to a horticulturist for OSU. “Adding edible flowers to the garden is going to increase the diversity of plants, which in turn will attract a diverse insect population, including beneficial insects such as pollinators or those that keep pest insects in check.”

Nasturtium adds a peppery flavor and bright orange, red and white colors to salads.

Borage has a mild cucumber flavor. Freeze in ice cubes and add a pop of blue to lemonade or summer cocktails.

Use roses to flavor pastry cream, add it to a tart shell and top with raspberries.

Candied flowers are good for topping cupcakes and desserts.

Strawberry-lavender milkshakes are amazing.

Shirley Schmidt

Cinnamon is great in all kinds of recipes, but did you know that you can use it in the garden too? Besides my screwdrivers I carry a big container of cinnamon in my garden bucket. I sprinkle the cinnamon wherever I see earwigs!

And here are some tips from the **Beaverton Garden Club News letter**:
Rooting hormone. Much cheaper than the chemical stuff and just as effective! Just apply cinnamon powder to the stem when you plant the cutting.

Ant deterrent. Ants do not like cinnamon! Sprinkle it in your greenhouse or around your garden beds. It will not kill the ants, but they will stay away from it. Sprinkle it by your doors if ants are coming into your house. They really hate to cross a line of cinnamon!

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

"Nurture Nature – Nurture Friendships"

President's Report to the State Convention 2016

Members of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.:

On occasion a member or better yet, a potential may ask: "Please tell me some of the things Oregon has done this year."

This Madam President is happy to respond, proudly. . .

We have:

Held both Fall and Spring Board meetings at Garden sites that we have funded for many years: Gardens of Enchantment in Sandy, Oregon where we planted a Dawn Redwood and The Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon where the planting was a Canadensis 'Appalachian Red'.

Received the benefits of making those donations with the room rental at the Oregon Garden being \$100 instead of the normal \$500.00 rate.

Accepted the request by our Pacific Region Tree Chairman for each District to plant a tree or shrub. This officer took the challenge a step further and prepared a small Oregon grape for each board member as well as each club in our state with a total of 150 seedlings.

Shared our bounty with food banks and pantries aiming for the goal of 150 pounds per person at the end of the two-year term – now at halfway to our goal.

Prepared a beautiful membership brochure to encourage members to begin NEW clubs to build our membership – and added at least 5 new clubs to the Federation.

Invited our National President, Sandy Robinson, to be interviewed on a 30-minute "In The Garden with Mike Darcy" live radio program.

Collected loose change at our meetings for Penny Pines as well as the "Fill the Cup – Fulfill a Dream" for a classroom of 20 children in Algeria for \$.25 meals this school year – and already have exceeded the two-year goal of \$1800.00.

Held dedication ceremonies for Blue Star Memorial markers.

Honored numerous members with certificates and citations.

Nominated the next Pacific Region director and alternate director – Peggy Olin and Sherry Cossey.

Purchased at least 667 of *The Frightened Frog* books from National Garden Clubs headquarters.

Initiated a new award to celebrate creative designers in the honor of Suzy Twist-Powell.

Brought a new fund-raising chapter to our Ways and Means committee: Nature's Garden.

Incorporated children into club planting events and documented those with pictures.

Updated the Annual Convention Planning Guide.

Revised a few Standing Rules by adding monetarily to OSFGC's major awards.

Secured a winner for each of those major awards this year.

Offered and provided scholarships to clubs who initiate Youth clubs.

Upgraded our website and added more information regularly, the newest being facebook and pinterest (www.oregongardenclubs.org)

Planted wildflower seeds for a second year of celebrating Lady Bird Johnson's Highway Beautification Act.

Received a first place award from NGC for our state Directory.

Traveled the State delivering *The Frightened Frog* book to each District Director.

Seated the highest attendance at Board of Directors' meetings.

E-mailed birthday cards to all board members and former state presidents.

Were honored to have an Oregon student selected by both Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs, Inc. to receive five thousand dollars in scholarships.

Entered the Photography contest – and purchased calendars and note cards, even if our photo was not a final winner.

Offered and held successful Flower Show Schools.

Earned the privilege of a winning entry in a contest being selected for display on a public roadside billboard.

Celebrated a former president with a first time ever Lifetime Achievement Award!

Members, – So glad you asked this very important question: “What have you done this year?”

This President is hoping that the question has now been answered successfully and to your satisfaction.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the answers and serving you this first year of the 2015-2017 Administration.



President Shirley presenting
the Lifetime Achievement Award to Nan Jean Roller
President 1989-1991



Executive Reports

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

2016 OSFGC Convention Report

This has been a delightful year serving as your First Vice President. It's been interesting, inspiring and interactive to work with this Executive Committee. Did you notice the 3 i's – interesting, inspiring and interactive? Together we've become a TEAM committed to you and the business of this hard-working organization!

Some of my favorite recollections include the following:

- Reflection #1: The Fall OSFGC Board meeting held at the beautiful Hull Therapy Garden. A wonderful setting for President Shirley's Fall Board meeting – great food and the youth-sized beds weren't too bad either. Shirley brought garden gloves and shovels for our tree-planting ceremony on the Hull Park property.
- Reflection #2: Visiting District meetings throughout the year, meeting many delightful people and learning about the diverse variety of community projects, plus the caring outreach to those who need encouragement, a smile and a flower!
- Reflection #3: Developing/revising program material such as the new Membership Brochure and the OSFGC Convention Guidelines. All designed to support membership growth and convention development.
- Reflection #4: The March Spring Board meeting brought the Executive Committee in early to plant a tree in chilly, wet March at the Oregon Garden, our favorite garden – a beautiful tribute to the garden and another symbol of the OSFGC legacy!
- Reflection #5: April provided the Annual Pacific Region Convention held in beautiful Henderson, Nevada. The magnificent hotel and surrounding grounds were a city unto themselves – beauty, grandeur and even an upscale shopping avenue! The meetings were informative, lively and participatory.
- The Oregon Delegation proudly announced Peggy Olin as the next Pacific Regional Director and Sherry Cossey as the Alternate! We caused quite a “stir” marching in with signs and wearing our Oregon Green Hats! We sang a special song led by President Shirley.
- The Finale was our entry in the Talent Show – the last of 3 acts. Ours was long, humorous and a bit complex. We were upstaged and hurried off pending a special guest performance – you guessed it! Elvis was in the House!!! He performed some of his top hits, sang to special ladies in the audience and one Oregon lady even received a kiss!

It has been a wonderful year! Thank you for your faithful support to me and please know how proud I am to represent the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs!

Thank you, Gaye Stewart



Gaye Stewart gets special recognition for everything she has done for OSFGC.



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

Membership – the state of being a member, or

Membership – the total number of members in a group, or

Membership – a group of persons associated by some common tie or occupation and regarded as an entity, which clearly defines The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Each of us is a single member who belongs to a Club; all belong to a geographical District and together we all are members of OSFGC.

In preparing this annual report on membership for 2015-2016, a detailed examination of OSFGC membership statistics revealed the following:

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).

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.

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.

My reason for sharing this information is to “nudge” each of us to consider these questions:

As a Club member, could I help by bringing a friend or neighbor to each Club meeting and encouraging them to join?

Are we selecting Club programs that are based on the interests of our current members, as well as the interests of our prospective members? If we are not sure, perhaps it's time to take an interest survey to see which speaker topics or demonstrations draw the most interest.

Are our Club meeting agendas balanced? That means some business, some planning, some food, some fun and some active involvement! Let's make our Club meetings the DESTINATION meeting people won't want to miss.

District Directors (and other District Officers, too) – Are you checking with your Clubs to see how each is thriving, not just surviving? Visit them, encourage them, call them, offer to help them with a program, teach them and love them.

Is there an area in your District that is not currently being served by a federated Garden Club? Where would be a good place to hold an organizational meeting to test local interest?

How can we reach out to the 8 Oregon Counties that don't yet have an OSFGC Garden Club?

As a State Garden Club organization, what are our membership goals? May I suggest that a realistic goal for 2016-2017 is 3,000 members?

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

The hardest part of creating a new Club is just doing it by taking ACTION. For example, the new Dallas Garden Club is 4 months old – it began with 15 members who expressed interest at an organizational meeting – now it has 33 members and is still growing! The same delightful pattern also took place with the new Bly Garden Club.

1st Vice President-Membership

Gaye Stewart 2015-2017

503-510-4370

We can do this together! We can help each other. Remember the big public is technology-burdened, running through life too quickly and living on way too much Fast Food. We offer them something different...something better. A chance to belong to something beautiful, creative, friendly, nurturing and informative! This is US...The Garden Club!!!

Thank you, Gaye Stewart

Walter and Marian Allen Membership Trophy

KLAMATH DISTRICT. *An increase of 58%*

1st

CAPITOL DISTRICT. *An increase of 38%*

2nd

ROGUE DISTRICT. *An increase of 18%*

3rd



Gaye Stewart-Membership Chair awarding
Klamath District Director Tanja Swanson
the Walter and Marian Allen District Membership
Award for an increase in membership of 58 % in the
past year.

2nd Vice President– Protocol and Publicity *Tanja Swanson 2015-2017 541-883-8119*

My first convention as an executive officer is behind me... What a beautiful, fun, and informative convention! Thank you to all who worked so hard to make this a great experience!

I learned a lot and I hope I can remember all this new information! Thank you to all who were so helpful and encouraging to me.

I learned that the Regional Director (or National Director) always has to sit next to the State President! Kristie Livreri was so sweet, she never complained, but a future executive might... So I'll try to remember that.

I learned that there is never enough time to look and photograph everything when you have other jobs to do and meetings to go to... Thanks to my roommates for all their help and for everyone who sent me pictures. Those pictures make the Mahonia more fun and they are good for publicity (Facebook).

Talking about Publicity... Is it true that only Rogue District gets their events in the paper? I don't think so! Please send me copies of the newspaper articles in your area and tell me about the times you were mentioned on Radio or TV! The District with the most PR will get a "Golden Screwdriver" from me at the next convention!

Thank you for allowing me to be your 2nd-vice president! With Love to all from Tanja!

Treasurer

Nita Wood

5210 River Road N., Apt. 2013, Keizer, OR. 97303-4498

Attention Club Treasurers!

OSFGC dues are due between July 1st and September 30th.

Please print a copy of the "Treasurer's Remittance Form" from the OSFGC website to send with your check. The website is oregongardenclubs.org. Look under "forms".

Thank you, Nita Wood and Karen Brown

President's Project

Lucy Chambers, Chair

541-218-5307

Share the Bounty - Tip the Scale

Numbers, numbers, numbers: **181,681** pounds of food and/or dollars to pounds have been donated to food banks and shelters throughout Oregon in an effort to feed the hungry.

Remember, President Shirley Schmidt's goal is 405,000 pounds in her term. We have one year and 223,319 pounds to go. It's garden time so get out there and plant an extra row to help feed those who are less fortunate. Lets **"Tip the Scale"** for so much more and grow beyond our 405,000 pound goal.



Committee Reports

Awards

Karen Varty, Chair

National Awards

NGC Scholarship

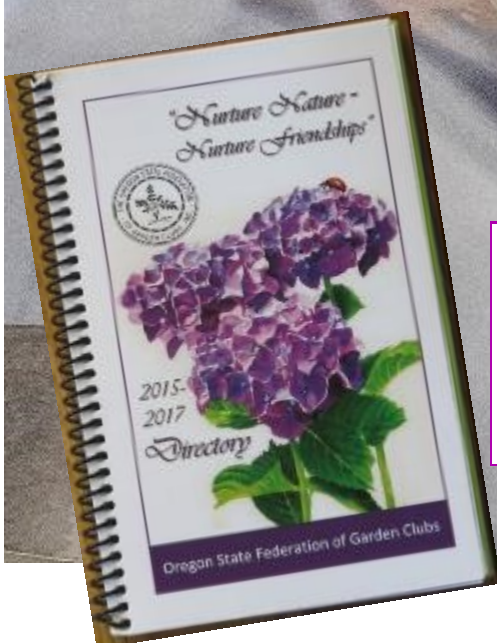
Marcel Ann Ortiz

\$4,000 for the academic year 2016-2017

Marcel is entering her senior year at Eastern Oregon University – College of Agricultural Sciences. She grew up in an agricultural family. She is pursuing her Bachelor's Degree in Crop and Soil Sciences and hopes to aid producers in growing their crops more efficiently.



Scholarship winner Marcel Ann Ortiz
with 2013-2015 National President
Linda Nelson-Bentson



OSFGC Directory

NGC Award #16-D-1, State Yearbook

Anniversary Certificates of Merit

90 years

Multnomah Garden Club – Portland District

80 years

Lebanon Garden Club – Santiam District

Milton Freewater Garden Club – Blue Mt. District

West Linn Garden Club – Clackamas District

70 years

Cedar Mill Garden Club – Pioneer District

Central Point Garden Club – Siskiyou District

Columbian Garden Club – Multnomah District

Jacksonville Garden Club – Siskiyou District

Sou'Wester Garden Club – North Coast District

60 YEARS

Maupin Dig & Hoe Garden Club – Mt. Hood District

50 years

Wilark Park Garden Club – Capitol District

45 years

West Linn Garden Club celebrates Centennial in 2016

“Dig it, Plant it, Watch it Grow” was chosen as the theme for the West Linn Old Time Fair Parade to honor the West Linn Garden Club. Members rode on the antique fire truck and walked the parade route as Grand Marshals of this yearly event.

History: West Linn Garden Club is the oldest organized Garden Club in Oregon, organized in 1916 and federated in 1936. One hundred years ago, what started as nine women and a children's parade is now the West Linn Garden Club. At the time, West Linn was a little country town, but from that parade, a group of women interested in the cultivation of various flowers started to meet regularly, calling themselves the West Linn Floral Club as well as the West Linn Rose Club.

The flower shows, rose shows, and parades by the school children were the main interests of the group. In 1925 flower and vegetable competitions in the three grade schools were sponsored by the garden club. Prizes of bulbs were given to the children.

By 1930, men had begun joining, many of whom were employed by Crown Zellerbach pulp and paper mill. By 1934 the club name was officially changed to the West Linn Garden Club. In 1935 members made their first effort to beautify the community with a planting at the west end of the old bridge and with landscaping around the drinking fountain near West Linn City Hall. Later plantings were flowering plum trees on Portland Avenue and in Hammerle Park. In 1944 Andrew Deschamps won the Grand Sweepstakes of the prestigious Portland Rose Show. This was a great honor, and the rosette ribbon and large trophy were displayed in a store window in Oregon City.

Dues were 25 cents for many years and meetings were held in members' homes. By 1986 dues had increased to \$3.50 a year and the forty-plus members needed to meet in the Bolton Fire Hall. Rose and flower shows were held every June; the club participated in the Willamette Community Fair in August and sponsored the entries and judging of the flower and vegetable shows. Many civic projects involved decorating the trees in Hammerle Park at Christmas, encouraging school children in gardening, beautifying the city parks with flowers, shrubs, trees.

The current West Linn Garden Club continues on the same garden path by providing fresh floral arrangements each week to the West Linn Library. In 2013, the Blue Star Marker on I-205 was presented to the city to commemorate the West Linn Centennial. Maddax Woods is a special place for the club as it was the home of Dorothy Maddax, long time garden club member. 2016 is a year long tribute to the West Linn Garden Club Centennial. Long live the garden clubs!

Information gathered from *West Linn Tidings*, *Enterprise Courier*, club history documents.

Jane Sercombe, Clackamas District Director



Jane Sercombe and Elaine Mahoney
on the fire truck



West Linn Garden Club members

Message from State Historian.

I have the records of when all clubs in the State of Oregon were federated with National Garden Clubs. Some clubs were organized and were active as a garden club before becoming federated. I need to know for the records if you want to be recognized for years of being an active club before you were federated. If so please send me the information so I can record the actual date you were formed.

Thank you. Bruna McBride, State Historian

Lebanon Garden Club

The Lebanon Garden Club celebrated their **80th Birthday** at their picnic in the park at Ralston Park in Lebanon on July 18. A box lunch social auction was the venue, with auction beginning at 25 cents. All proceeds from the auction will be donated to Penny Pines. There was a Peoples Choice prize for the best decorated box. Also a 50/50 drawing and a Red Solo Cup ball game with prizes. The Garden Club maintains the rose garden in the park as their community project and the committee chairs gave an overview of the garden over the past year. Dena Williams and Sylvia Wood, Rose Garden Chairs, received OSFGC State Life Membership awards for their dedicated work in the rose garden since the year 2000. Eight members received perfect attendance certificates.

Nancy Simmons, President of Post 51 Legion Auxiliary was a special guest. She received a special thank you from the Club as the Legion Auxiliary donated the final funds for the Garden Club to move forward with the purchase of a Blue Star Marker to be installed next year at Lebanon's Veteran's Home.



Box Lunch Social Picnic celebrating 80 years - Lebanon Garden Club
Santiam District



Sylvia Wood & Dena Williams were presented State Life Membership Awards

Awards *continued.*

Pacific Region Awards

Scholarship

Marcel Ann Ortiz

\$1,000 for the 2016-2017 academic year

Club Newsletter or Official Publication

Jacksonville Garden Club, Siskiyou District

1st

District Newsletter or Official Publication

Clackamas Clippings, Clackamas District

1st

Yearbooks, Club 20-29 members

Oak Lodge Garden Club, Clackamas District

2nd

Yearbooks, Club 30-44 members

Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer District

2nd

Yearbooks, Club 45-69 members

Villa Garden Club, Portland District

3rd

Council/Guild Yearbook

Siskiyou Judges Council, Siskiyou District

3rd

State Newsletter

OSFGC Newsletter - The Mahonia

1st

State Yearbook or Directory

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs

1st

I HAD A WORM FOR BREAKFAST

"The sky is gray and gloomy
I think it's going to rain
I've been croaking for some friend
And I'm living in a drain.

I had a worm for breakfast
You may find that quite mean
But I washed it in a puddle
To make sure that it was clean.

Now I'm off to look for spiders
In a hollow log.
Life is never lame or boring
As a croaking leaping frog."

OLIVIA RUDE/GRADE 6/LAKE RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL
SPONSORED BY MULTNOMAH GARDEN CLUB
PORTLAND DISTRICT





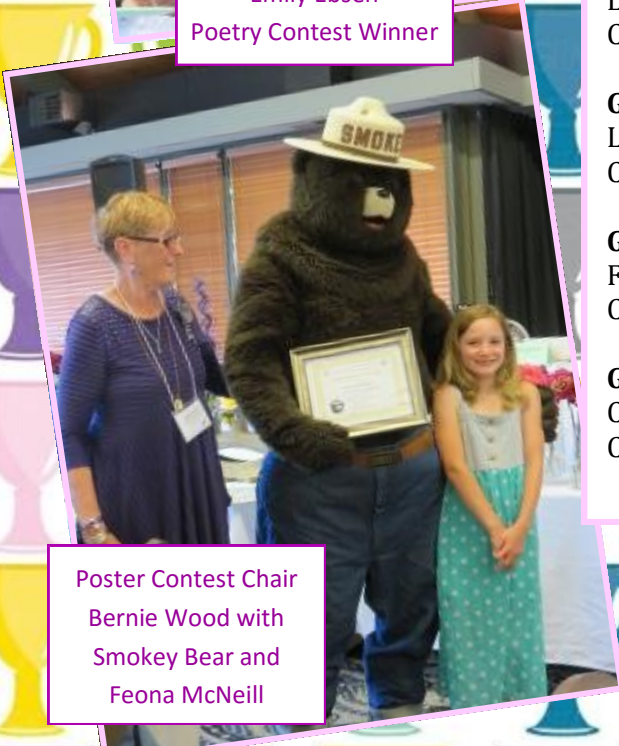
Emily Ebsen
Poetry Contest Winner

Pacific Region Youth Poetry

Grade 4	1 st
Theresa Campbell Condon Garden Club, Blue Mountain District	\$10
Grade 7	1 st
Emily Ebsen Multnomah Garden Club, Portland District	\$10

Pacific Region Posters

Grade 1	2 nd
Abigail Crisan Chehalem Garden Club, Pioneer District	
Grade 2	2 nd
Lucy Grace Woldyla Chehalem Garden Club, Pioneer District	
Grade 3	3 rd
Landon Nguyen Chehalem Garden Club, Pioneer District	
Grade 4	4 th
Feona McNeil Chehalem Garden Club, Pioneer District	
Grade 5	4 th
Clara Newton Chehalem Garden Club, Pioneer District	



Poster Contest Chair
Bernie Wood with
Smokey Bear and
Feona McNeill

Poster Contest

Bernie Wood, Chair

There were three Districts participating in the Woodsy Owl, Smokey Bear Poster Contest this year.

Blue Mountain: Condon Garden Club; Clackamas: Chehalem Garden Club; Pioneer: Milwaukee Garden Club. I want to personally thank the Youth Chairs of these three Districts and they are Eva Lou Greiner, Linda Carr and Kami McNeill for their outstanding work in getting posters done in their Districts and sent to me.

- 54 children participated
- 16 teachers were contacted
- 112 children were contacted
- 2 Public Schools were contacted
- 2 private schools were contacted
- 1 Youth organization was contacted

Four first place Woodsy Owl posters and four first place Smokey Bear posters were sent to the Regional Competition. Of these posters Oregon was awarded 2-2nd, 1-3rd, and 2-4th place finishes.

State Awards

Gardener of the Year *Char Mutschler, Chair*

1st

Andrea Mull, Cottage Grove Garden Club, Willamette District.

Andrea was instrumental in leading her club to the All-America City Square Project. She began by attending town meetings and was asked by the Economic Business and Improvement District to secure a grant and redesign Opal Park. Andrea and the Cottage Grove Garden Club began making contributions by keeping the park mulched, weeded and replacing plants. Andrea continues to promote the park and the Garden Club in the community.

2nd

Larry and Barbara Headden, Tree League, Klamath District.

Besides promoting nature, trees and plants at the schools they worked at, the Headden's created a private arboretum in their back yard. The project started with a few trees and rocks. Today they have over 90 trees with over 30 different species. Six to eight hours a week is currently devoted to watering.

3rd

Joyce Heincke, Salem Area Garden Club, Capitol District.

Joyce and her husband Carl live in Jefferson where they turned their three and one-half acres into a beautiful landscape of trees, perennial shrubs, flowering bulbs, flowers, lawn, fruit trees, berries and vegetable garden. Joyce is a Master Gardener and a member of Cherry City Orchid Society and the Oregon Orchard Society.

4th

Duane Duvall, Villa Garden Club, Portland District.

Duane moved to Oregon in 1952 when his interest eventually turned to gardening. He developed a 60 x 100 foot backyard and soon joined the Villa Garden Club. He remains an essential part of Villa by assisting with plant sales and potting up 200 plants for the sale. He has volunteered for years at the Multnomah County Fair Garden Show. He acts as an informative and patient instructor.

Outstanding Gardener

Char Mutschler, Capitol District.

Because we know that you will never select yourself as the winner, a Special Award has been created just for you.



Nita Wood and Tanja Swanson
presenting Char Mutschler
with a one time
"Outstanding Gardener Award"
from the Executive Officers.

Awards *continued.*

Garden of Distinction

Helen Ellis, Chair

Gardens of Enchantment, Sandy, Oregon

A self-guiding garden for the blind and those with low vision, these gardens have a history of being considered authentic and utterly unique.



Ellen Ambuhl Conservation Award

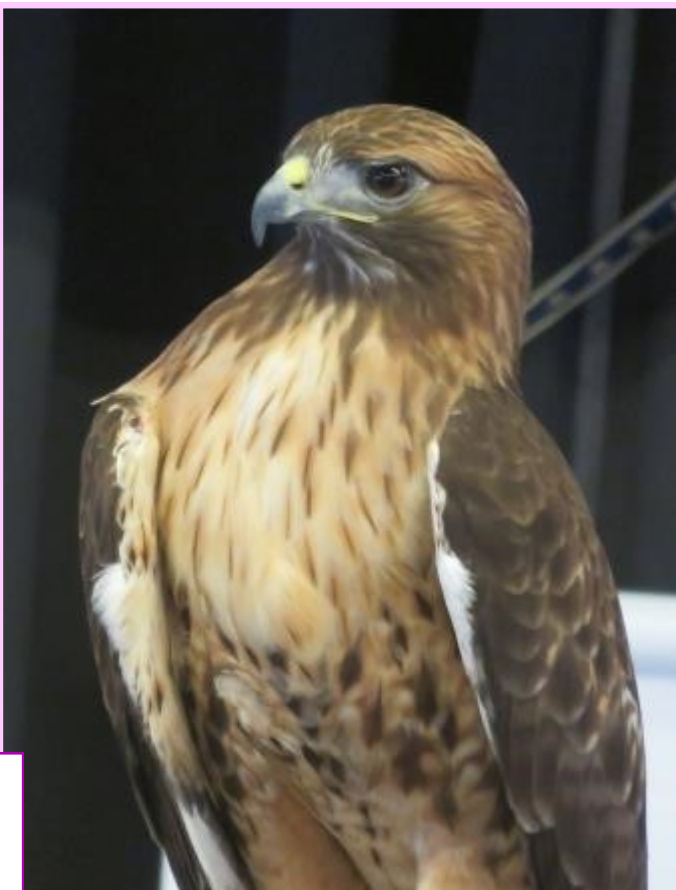
Norma Curtis, Chair

Raptor Interpretative Program—Columbia Gorge Discovery Center and Museum

This program educates the public about native raptors and their habitat. We honor the program for their mission to inspire appreciation and stewardship of the Columbia Gorge.



Bambi Foy from the Discovery Center with her raptor.



Horticulture Award

Sherry Cossey, Chair

Lore Sampson, Odell Garden Club, Mt. Hood District

Lore moved to Oregon in 1986 and joined the Odell Garden Club. She later started the Hood River Valley Evening Garden Club. Together with her husband, Lore owns a specialty plant nursery in Parkdale. She is in demand as a speaker.



Sherry Cossey presenting
Lore Sampson with
the Horticulture Award.

Scholarships

Vivian Chelstad, Chair

The Compton Fellowship

Alison Reeve received \$750 for the 2016-17 academic year. She is a PhD student with a research project on better yield management and crop load in Pinot Noir grapes.

Claire Hanley Scholarship

The following students have received funding in the amount of \$1,500 for the 2016-2017 academic year:

Heather Anderson is a senior from Stayton, OR and has worked for Bayer Crop Sciences in Brooks, OR. She is interested in nursery production of food plants and vegetable production. She has studied at OSU in the E-campus General Horticulture program.

Anthony Plant is from Corvallis, OR. He is a junior and studies in the Ecological and Sustainable Horticultural Production option. He is interested in nursery production of food plants and vegetable production. He has worked for the OSU Crop Science Department and Extension Service harvesting research crops.

Tiffanie White is a resident of Eugene, OR. She is a senior in the Plant Breeding and Genetics program. She did an internship with Bejo Seeds in California working in the flowering plant trials.

Awards *continued*

Claire Belsher Historic Preservation Award

Sally Thompson, Chair

Parkdale Garden Club, Mt. Hood District

Recognized for their continuing restoration of the Parkdale Memorial Garden.



Sally Thompson



Awards *continued*

Suzy Twist-Powell Designer Award—OSFGC 2016 Designer of the Year

Diantha Knott, Elsie Skinner Progressive Designer Guild, Clackamas District

"The fruit didn't fall far from the tree!" Diantha, who is the daughter of Elsie Skinner, brings joy to everything she does... not just flower arranging. She inspires beauty and creativity in all of us. Her enthusiasm, knowledge and leadership made it easy for our Designers Guild to unanimously nominate her for this award. She truly exemplifies all this award recognizes. *Pat Allen, Chairman, Elsie Skinner Progressive Designers Guild.*

The Mahonia allows me the opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved in selecting me as the Designer of the Year for 2016 and recipient of the Suzy Twist-Powell Design Award trophy. It was an unexpected honor that I appreciate very much.

The Elsie Skinner Progressive Designers Guild members, who nominated me for this award, have suggested that I create twelve different arrangements that could be used for a calendar. Of course, I thought that was a great idea and have already made several arrangements using fresh materials from my garden.

I did not have the pleasure of knowing Suzy Twist-Powell, but have been told about her active participation in the OSFGC and her enthusiasm for flower art. All of this could also describe my mother, Elsie (Dorfman) Skinner, whom I credit for my creative genes and interest in art and the natural world. She, too, was active in OSFGC for many years and, 55 years ago, was a founding member of Ikebana International Chapter 47 here in Portland. The school my mother belonged to was the Ohara school and the school for which I have a teaching certificate is the Sogetsu school. As a more recently established school, Sogetsu has a very modern and dynamic approach to flower art, stressing self expression in the selection and use of materials and containers. I strive to share these design principals, as well as the mechanics and innovative handling of materials in the workshops that I lead and in the flower shows that I enter. All of Western flower art originated in Ikebana.

In addition to my interest in growing plant materials suitable for creative flower art, I also am a potter, making hand built containers that have multiple openings and organic shapes. I particularly enjoy seeing how other designers use my containers and find it very inspiring.

My website is creativeflowerartcontainers.com.

Creating flower art is a spiritual, meditative experience for me and what I choose for the materials and how I assemble them is how I honor the person for whom I am making the arrangement. Included in this article is a photograph of the arrangement I made in the trophy container to honor Suzy Twist-Powell. I used the variegated rush, with its strong angular lines, to represent many life interests. The variegated horseradish leaf speaks of strength and boldness and the drumstick alliums are highlights in life that add humor and happiness. The "smoke" from *Cotinus aurea* represents the essence of life and the lingering in our memories of the person who has passed, but lives on in our hearts.

Thank you again for honoring me as Designer of the Year, 2016.

Sincerely,
Diantha Knott (masalavita@yahoo.com)



Clubs under 20 members

Columbian Garden Club, Multnomah District	1 st
Milwaukie, Clackamas District	HM
The Five Oaks Garden Club, Pioneer District	Part.

Clubs between 20-29 members

Oak Lodge Garden Club, Clackamas District	1 st
Petal Pushers Garden Club, Multnomah District	2 nd
Sunny Hills Garden Club, Clackamas District	3 rd
Chehalem Garden Club, Pioneer District	HM
Central Point, Siskiyou District	Part.

Clubs between 30-44 members

Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer District	1 st
Jacksonville Garden Club, Siskiyou District	2 nd
Scappoose Garden Club, Pioneer District	3 rd
West Linn Garden Club, Clackamas District	HM

Clubs between 45-69 members

Villa Garden Club, Portland District	1 st
Coos Bay Garden Club, Rogue District	2 nd
Illinois Valley Garden Club, Siskiyou District	tie 3 rd
Medford Garden Club, Siskiyou District	tie 3 rd

Clubs between 70-99 members

Grants Pass Garden Club, Siskiyou District	1 st
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Council and District Yearbooks

Siskiyou Judges Council	1 st
Siskiyou District Directory	2 nd

Yearbook Covers

Clubs under 20 members

Columbian Garden Club, Multnomah District	1 st
Milwaukie Garden Club, Clackamas District	HM
The Five Oaks Garden Club, Pioneer District	Part.

Clubs between 20-29 members

Central Point Garden Club, Siskiyou	1 st
Petal Pushers Garden Club, Multnomah District	2 nd
Multnomah Garden Club, Portland District	3 rd
Oak Lodge Garden Club, Clackamas District	HM
Sunny Hills, Garden Club, Clackamas District	Part.
Chehalam Garden Club, Pioneer District	Part.

Clubs between 30-44 members

Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer District	1 st
Jacksonville Garden Club, Siskiyou District	2 nd
West Linn Garden Club, Clackamas District	HM

Clubs between 45-69 members

Ashland Garden Club, Siskiyou District	1 st
Villa Garden Club, Portland District	tie 2 nd
Coos Bay Garden Club, Rogue District	tie 2 nd

3-way tie

Estacada Garden Club, Clackamas District	3 rd
Medford Garden Club, Siskiyou District	3 rd
Illinois Valley Garden Club, Siskiyou District	3 rd

Clubs between 70-99 members

Grants Pass Garden Club, Siskiyou District	1 st
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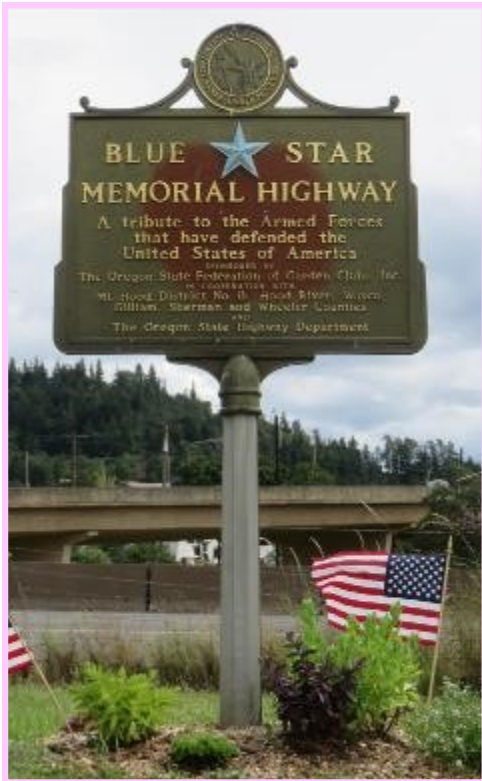
Newsletters

1 st	<i>Clackamas Clippings</i> , Clackamas District \$20
1 st	<i>Jacksonville Garden Club News</i> , Siskiyou District \$20
2 nd	<i>Eugene Garden Club News</i> , Willamette District \$10
3 rd	<i>Chehalem Clippings</i> , Pioneer District



Margaret Taylor telling Oregon Trail stories

Committee Reports



Blue Star Marker

Nancy Ebsen, Chair

Blue Star Markers in the state of Oregon stand at 77, with 31 Highway Markers, 31 Memorial Markers and 15 By-Way Markers. The list is being updated so that we have accurate information. Also, a notebook has been created that shows all 77 markers. Obviously, not all the markers have photos in the book and not all of the information is correct. Attention from all of you, the Directors, the members, the old timers, and the newbies are necessary for this to happen. You are privy to information that I do not have. Check with your District Director, who should have the current list.

Central Point dedicated a Highway Marker in Eagle Point in May. Clackamas has purchased a Memorial Marker for Camp Withycombe to be dedicated in the Fall of 2017. Four districts: Clackamas, Multnomah, Pioneer, and Portland, have purchased a Memorial Marker for the Fairview Veterans Clinic to be dedicated on Sept. 9, 2016, and Lebanon will soon purchase their marker to be dedicated sometime in 2017. Pacific is in the process of refurbishing their marker for rededicating in the Fall of 2016.

Thank you for all the help you have given me. Still much to do, but we are traveling this journey together.

Honor Our Veterans by attending the Blue Star dedication at the Veteran's Medical Center in Fairview, Oregon.

Four OSFGC Districts have gone together to sponsor the Blue Star Memorial Marker at the new Veteran's Outpatient Medical Center, Fairview, Oregon. This marker is sponsored by Clackamas, Multnomah, Pioneer and Portland Districts plus four Veteran's groups, several clubs and personal donations.

The Blue Star Memorial Marker will be dedicated on Friday, September 9, 2016 at 3:30 pm with a reception to follow.

Location: 1800 NE Market Drive, Fairview, Oregon.

This is on the corner of NE Market Drive and NE Halsey Street (across the street from Target's parking lot).

Submitted by Kathryn Israelson

Book of Friendship *Carolyn Elsten, Linda Shamp, Co-Chairs*

We have been very busy this year implementing the birthday card program. We have sent electronic birthday cards to all OSFGC members who have an e-mail listed and a birthday noted in the OSFGC Directory. We have used the website 'Jacquie Lawson' which has sweet pretty animated cards with many floral motifs. All together we have each sent out cards to more than 70 members. We hope they have enjoyed them. We have gotten some very nice replies from folks.

We have had 23 entries into the Book of Friendship. Thanks to all of you who have contributed. The money goes to support the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund for horticulture students at OSU. Because this is OUR fund, 100% of the money goes to the scholarship. We hope to encourage more of you to contribute to such a worthy cause.

Thank you for allowing us the privilege of chairing this committee. It is fun and we are enjoying it.

Book of Remembrance

Sylvia Ketch, Chair

This is my first year as chair of the Book of Remembrance. I did not know how much I would value participating. It has been an honor to connect with fellow members all over our state who have lost a precious loved one, a treasured club member, or a dear friend.

It has been a sad year with the loss of 40 members:

Past OSFGC President	1
Portland Judges Council	2
Siskiyou Judges Council	2

<u>Districts</u>		North Coast	0
Blue Mountain	1	Pacific	0
Capitol	0	Pioneer	14
Clackamas	4	Portland	3
Klamath	1	Santiam	1
Mt. Hood	2	Siskiyou	4
Multnomah	4	Willamette	1

I sent a letter of acknowledgement for each contribution and a memorial card to the loved ones to let them know who the donor was and how the contribution would be used.

The Book of Remembrance is a great program for honoring those we have lost and at the same time supporting the Oregon State University horticulture program.

Please encourage all the Presidents to remind their Clubs of the Book of Remembrance program. This year has been a great experience for me and I am looking forward to working another year with such great friends.



In Memoriam

It is truly with a very sad heart that this president must share the news that our precious Shirley Marchion passed away on May 24 as a result of a massive stroke. Carolyn Elsten says, "She had only been in hospital for a few days and was not expected to survive when taken there. We are all just heartbroken. She was 93. She was healthy. She had a wonderful life. She was active and full of the dickens." We all remember her SMILING face as one of our timekeepers at our board meetings. She will be greatly missed.

Shirley Schmidt



Garden Therapy

Katie Smith, Chair

Garden Therapy is the use of gardens and garden-related activities to improve physical and mental health, as well as communication and thinking skills.

The benefits of sustained and active interest in gardening include:

1. Better physical health through exercise
2. Improved mental health through exercise
3. The opportunity to associate with others
4. The acquisition of new skills
5. Just feeling better for being outside, in touch with nature and in the 'great outdoors'.

Gardening can transform lives. We see first-hand how gardening can help individuals and groups, regardless of age or disability, whether it is mental or physical. Some of our Garden Clubs have taken Garden Therapy to heart in their communities. Many individuals and groups work quietly in their communities and we will never know of their good deeds. I would like to take a moment to shout "Hooray" for the accomplishments of just a few that I do know about.

Donna Westwood leads the Flower Therapy Committee of Corvallis. They have a two part program. One part is called Books and Blossoms. Club volunteers create flower arrangements and deliver them to the library and the library delivers them to homebound patrons of Dial-A-Book. Their second project is an Assisted Living Flower Class. Local merchants donate flowers twice a month and volunteers help residents at two local facilities make floral arrangements.

Eva Lou Greiner tells us that the Condon Garden Club pots Amaryllis bulbs every October with residents of the Summit Springs Village Assisted Living Facility. The residents share bragging about the number of blooms as they watch the plants grow. Individual members also assist pre-school and kindergarten groups in planting tiny vegetable gardens and supplying take-home plants for the children.

The Odell Garden Club maintains the local Post Office garden and they make table arrangements at the Hood River Care Center as well as bud vases for the residents and special arrangements for Mother's Day.

Please consider seeking opportunities to grow and train the next generation in garden related activities. They need to develop an interest in caring for and nurturing the world that they will be passing on... not to just their own but future generations.



Insurance

Marcia Kay Whitelock, Chair 503-524-5309 marciawhitelock@icloud.com

The first paragraph on page 36 of the Directory Handbook should be updated as follows:

The OSFGC, Inc. annually purchases a \$ 1,000,000 General Liability Policy which is available to Garden Clubs defined in our Bylaws Article IV, Section 1 and Article V.

What does General Liability Insurance cover? At its most basic it covers the cost of investigating claims and defending against third-party lawsuits. It pays attorney fees, court costs, witness fees, settlements and court ordered judgements. The policy may also cover an injured party's immediate medical expenses and the cost of repairing or replacing their damaged property.

Many of our Garden Clubs request certificates to cover places where flower shows and plant sales are held and for places clubs meet that require insurance. See pages 38 and 39 of the Directory Handbook for more information to order a certificate from your State Insurance Chair.

Your State Insurance Chair is NOT licensed. She welcomes your calls and will follow through with your questions by requesting assistance from our agent. **All questions/concerns/orders must be referred to your State Insurance Chair.** Our agent will not respond to calls from our members.

If a Garden Club wishes to purchase additional insurance this should be shared with the State Insurance Chair as this could impact the General Liability Policy coverage. A copy of the additional insurance will be requested for our files.

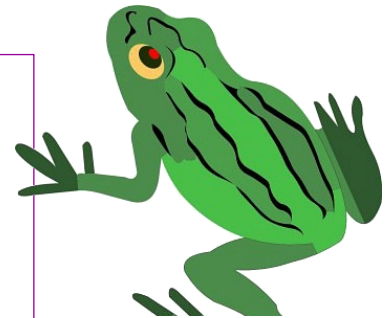
All requests for certificates must be sent to the State Insurance Chair via e-mail. All certificates are sent via e-mail by our agent.

AMAZING FROGS

"Frogs

Amazing, leaping, croaking
Many colors many kinds
Swimming, snacking, hatching
Metamorphosis, tadpole
Amphibian."

THERESA CAMPBELL/GRADE 4/CONDON GRADE SCHOOL



Flower Show School

Garnet Ascher, Chair

OSFGC, Inc.'s Flower Show School, Course IV, was held at Christ United Methodist Church, in Cedar Mill, Portland on March 29, 30 and 31, 2016.

Design instructor was our own Charlene Mutschler and Billie Fitch, a last minute fill-in. David Robson's father passed away and Dot Yard could not get out of Pennsylvania because of severe weather. Billie had 24 hours to get acquainted to the lecture material that David had prepared.

Sharon Wilson, Jaye Weiss and Kathie Henderson have passed all four exams and are able to judge. Gretchen McKane has now completed courses 3 and 4. Christina Levin took 3 and 4 point scoring, but did not have time to take exams. Sharon, Jaye and Kathie need to complete their schedule writing and then take the NGC exam in October or April; preferably, October.

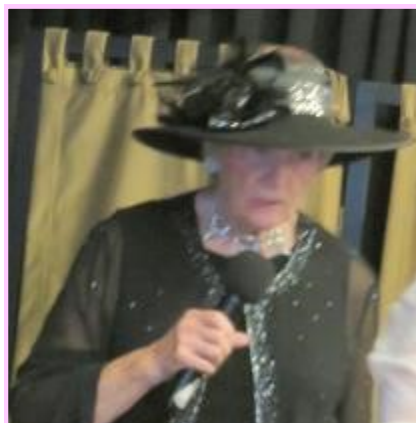
Two judges: Beverly Seibel and Georgia Zahar took their Master point scoring renewals. Their credentials are up-to-date until 2019.

Many thanks go to Char for her unending advice and to Phyllis Olson, Registrar, who worked countless hours putting all those folders together for each one taking the course. It was very successful and we came in under budget. Would I do it again? Yes, if the help was as great as it was in this school.

There may be a possibility of sharing a "**Gardening Study**" school with Washington State federation of Garden Clubs in the Vancouver area. Stay tuned!



Designing Diva's



Garnet Ascher, Sherry Cossey, Linda Nelson-Bentson and Sandra Rassi-MC





The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs (OSFGC)



National Garden Clubs, Inc.

2016 SYMPOSIUM

August 23 & 24, 2016

Sponsored by
Oregon Federation
of
Garden Clubs Inc.

Location:
Holiday Inn Portland South
25425 S.W. 95th Avenue
Wilsonville, Ore. 97070

Notice to Judges

Symposium planned for Flower Show Judges, Garden Club Members and others interested in gardening and floral design.

Only nationally credited Flower Show Judges are eligible to take Symposium for credit. See NGC Handbook for Flower Shows p. 267-277.

All judging/exhibiting requirements must be fulfilled before taking this symposium for credit.

Judges must send NGC Form 13E for Accredited or 15E for Life and Master Judges to the State Chairman for credentials by July 25, 2016.

Oregon State Chairman is:
Cece Delis
137 Rio Senda St.
Umatilla, Oregon 97882-9612
ceced42@msn.com
541-571-7088

(If you reproduce your form from the NGC website, you may use white paper to print your form.)

Holiday Inn Portland South
25425 S.W. 95th Avenue
Wilsonville, Ore. 97070 ph. 503-218-2024
www.hiportlandsouth.com
Rooms: 2 double beds.....\$99
non-members welcome
Pre-registration required



Instructors

Horticulture: Judy Newman
Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin
Echinacea & Rudbeckia

Design: Jo Krallman
Benton, Arkansas
Creative Spatial Thrust
Parallel & Duo Design

Allied Topics: Judy Newman
Aloe

Jo Krallman
Judging Comments

OSFGC President
Shirley Schmidt

OSFGC Symposium
Co-chairmen:

Linda Shamp: Portland, Ore.
ldaisys@comcast.net
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Advisor:
Char Mutschler
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503-585-5023

Symposium Schedule Tuesday, August 23, 2016

7-8 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am	Registration
8:30 am	Announcements
9:00 am	Horticulture Instruction
10:15 am	Break
10:45 am	Horticulture Instruction
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Horticulture Point Scoring Practice
2:30 pm	Break
3:00-5:00pm	Horticulture Point Scoring Exam
5:30 pm	Dinner
6:30 pm	Allied Topics: Aloe Judging Comments
8:30 pm	Adjourn for the Day

Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2016

7-8 am	Breakfast on your own
8:00 am	Registration
8:30 am	Announcements
9:00 am	Design Instruction
10:15 am	Break
10:45 am	Design Instruction
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Design Point Scoring Practice
2:30 pm	Break
3:00-5:00	Design Point Score Exam
5 pm	Symposium Adjourned

Registration for Oregon (OSFGC) Symposium August 23 & 24, 2016

Name _____ Club _____ District _____
First Mi Last

Street Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone(s) _____

Make checks payable to:
OSFGC

Package Plan: Registration, Instruction (Hort, Design, Allied)
2 lunches, 1 dinner \$120. _____

Mail Registration & check to:
Grace Emori
P.O. Box 1804
Jacksonville, Oregon 97530
tgemori@charter.net
541-899-9099

Tues. Aug. 23 Horticulture, Lunch, Dinner & Allied Topics	\$95. _____
Wed. Aug. 24 Design, Lunch	\$70. _____
Exam (point scoring) for Credit _____ Audit for credit _____	\$5. _____
Late fee (after Aug. 1, 2016)	\$10. _____
If you have food allergies, please advise below:	
_____	Total Enclosed _____

Nominating Committee

Char Mutschler, Chair

The purpose of this report is to update OSFGC members of any nominations for positions to the Board of Directors, 2017-2019.

At this time, I only have one nomination for the office of 2nd Vice President. Those officers currently presiding in office at this time, who want to continue in that office or move into another office, please submit a nomination form to me.

The Nominating Committee consists of four members and myself as Chair. Jenny Dahrens-Pacific District, Marcia Kay Whitelock-North Coast District, Sharon Wilson-Willamette District and Lynn Chiotti – Pioneer District. Contact any of these folks about nominations to the Board of Directors.

Time is drawing close to formulate a new board of leaders now. Deadline is January 1st, 2017.



Regional Director
Kristie Livreri and
Char Mutschler

Having Fun in Hood River



More Designing Diva's



Penny Pines

Karen Brown, Chair

Since we began to participate in the National Garden Clubs program called "Penny Pines" in July of 2009, I am pleased to report that our Oregon clubs and individuals have contributed funds for 290 plantations. There have been 43 already this year.

In an agreement between NGC and the USDA-Forest Service, for each \$68.00 donated, the Forest Service will reforest approximately an acre of National Forest that has been destroyed by natural causes. This would include fire, weather, disease or insect damage. Appropriate varieties of trees are selected for each site and planted and maintained by the Forest Service. Educational events may also be sponsored with these funds.

If the entire \$68 is donated at one time, the donor may specify which forest to benefit, and a person or group to honor or memorialize can also be specified.

I invite anyone to donate any amount. Small amounts will be combined to reach the required \$68.00, and sent in the name of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. There is a form to include with your donations on our website. Please download and use the form to send with your check to our Treasurer, Nita Wood. If you need us to provide that form, please ask.

Thanks to all of you who have supported Penny Pines.



Recycling

Stan Chiotti, Chair

As recycling chairman, it has come to my attention that things are not all roses out there. Since the State Board meeting just 3 months ago, I have taken seven 13-gallon bags full of amber Rx bottles to the recycling center. Obviously, you ladies are on entirely too many drugs. I am worried that they are causing color blindness as well. As you should know by now, I only take amber Rx bottles, with or without lids. Please help me to identify the following. Blue, green, and red are all pretty colors, but they are not amber and therefore should not be given to me. They can be put into your local recycling bins.

I still take used ink cartridges and old cell phones. Please remove the Sim card.

Thank you!



Photo Contest

2016 OSFGC Photography contest winners

Birds, Butterflies, Insects - color

1st Kathie Hupp - Pioneer
2nd Rodney Aydin - Capitol
3rd Bernie Wood - Klamath
HM Jeanne Nordmark - North Coast

Birds, Butterflies, Insects - B/W

1st Darlene Fenwick - Siskiyou
2nd Kay Lincoln - Mt. Hood
3rd Jo Anne Danton - North Coast
HM Kathie Hupp - Pioneer

Floral - color

1st Christy Levin - Santiam
2nd Sue Martino - Rogue
3rd Darlene Fenwick - Siskiyou
HM Dianne Dewey - Willamette

Floral - B/W

1st Kathie Hupp - Pioneer
2nd Judi Barkley - Pacific
3rd Christy Levin - Santiam
HM Michelle Dewitz - Clackamas

Garden - color

1st Donna Endicott - Clackamas
2nd Kathie Hupp - Pioneer
3rd Bernie Wood - Klamath
HM Colleen Foster - Multnomah

Garden - B/W

1st Kathie Hupp - Pioneer
2nd Marisa Larson - Clackamas

Jeannette Rogers, chair

3rd Jennifer Hartz - Mt. Hood
HM Christy Levin - Santiam

Landscapes/Seascapes - color

1st Jenny Guppando - Siskiyou
2nd Cheryle Hawkins - Willamette
3rd Janet Granum - Clackamas
HM Suzy Ramm - Pioneer

Landscapes/Seascapes - B/W

1st Carlotta Lucas - Siskiyou
2nd Tanja Swanson - Klamath
3rd Kathie Hupp - Pioneer
HM Joan Albers - Clackamas

Pets - color

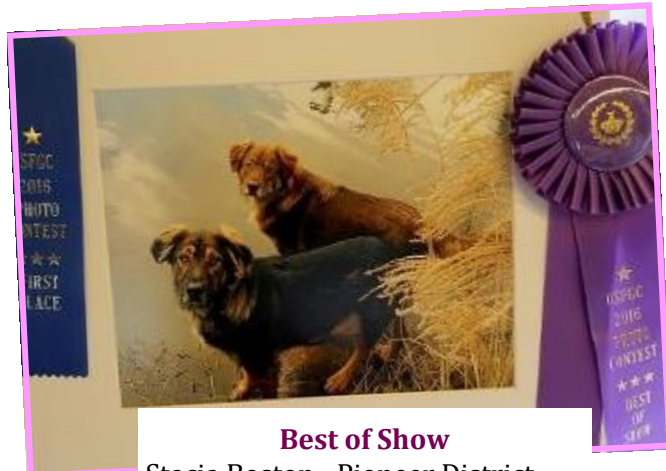
1st Stacia Boston - Pioneer
2nd Janet Bennet - Santiam
3rd Peggy Peffley - Siskiyou
HM Janet Granum - Clackamas

Pets - B/W

1st Katherine Carella - Pioneer
2nd Kay Lincoln - Mt. Hood
3rd Janel Bennet - Santiam
HM Jo Anne Danton - North Coast

Wildlife - color

1st Bill Swanson - Santiam



Best of Show

Stacia Boston - Pioneer District

2nd Archer Nolan - Mt. Hood
3rd Loren Albers - Clackamas
HM Barbara van Doorninck - Pioneer

Wildlife - B/W

1st Loren Albers - Clackamas
2nd Penny Billinger - Pacific
3rd Jennifer Harty - Mt. Hood
HM Jo Anne Danton - North Coast

President's Choice - Frogs

1st Dolores Smith - Clackamas

People's Choice

1st Janet Granum - Clackamas
2nd Renata Stanko - Santiam
2nd Kathie Hupp - Pioneer
2nd Yolanda Moser - Pioneer
3rd Peggy Peffley - Siskiyou
3rd Christy Levin - Santiam

Order Form for 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](tel:541.479.5513)

We had a fantastic OSFGC 2016 Photo Contest with 117 wonderful entries. The first place winning photos will be put into a 2017 calendar and the people's choice winners will be made into notecards. On the left is an order form for the calendar and note cards for 2017. Thank you to everyone who participated in our photo contest this year.

Oregon Roadside Council

Nan Jean Roller, Chair

In 1932, Mrs. Jessie Honeyman, Chair of the Roadside Improvement Committee of the Oregon Federation of Garden Clubs, formed the Oregon Roadside Council (ORC) as an independent, non-profit Corporation to maintain a central organization for individual and group efforts towards the preservation and conservation of Oregon's great asset, her scenic beauty; to affect such legislation as will protect the natural scenery along highways of our State and cooperate with other agencies that have similar objectives.

Over the years, ORC has fought billboard and sign blight (with limited success), given grants for plantings and trimming, served on advisory councils to the State, installed bronze plaques in several spots (the Travel Information Council agreed to maintain the plaques in January 2009) and a number of small things have helped preserve the natural beauty of Oregon roadsides.

In October 2009, the Oregon Roadside Council was dissolved and rejoined the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. The Council made this decision in view of the aging of the Council Board, diminishing membership, and a desire to ensure that the mission would continue.

We will continue to give grants of \$500, \$250 on applying and the other \$250 with completion of the project. We do not ask for Garden Clubs to give money to receive a grant, which the ORC did, but we have no fund raising, so we welcome contributions to further our cause.

There are four members on our committee that make the decisions: Marcia Kay Whitelock, Beverly Seibel, Todd Keppel, and Nan Jean Roller.

Legislative / Wildflowers

Lynn Chiotti, Chair

Watching the wildflowers from last year finally show their color has been an experience. We have seen a transition from the purples and blues of the lupines, to the white of the wild yarrow and pink of the Lychnis in addition to the varieties of poppies. What a show stopper. I hope all of you have planted the new seeds received at the Spring District Board meeting and are seeing them just opening up in the last few weeks. When added to the perennial wildflowers that have reappeared, our patches in the tapestry of color across Oregon have brought attention to what can be done to our roadsides and schools and parks. I sincerely hope we can continue this project for several years. Many thanks to the Oregon Department of Transportation for their cooperation in this project. By the way, hope you noticed the poppies on I-5 in Salem. Thanks ODOT! ODOT Region 2 manager Mark Buffington is looking for a partner to plant the wildflowers at the end of the Young's Bay Bridge in Astoria at the round-about. Wouldn't that be a sight.



Plantings from West Point Garden Club

Youth Garden Club Handbook – Available

At the Convention in Hood River, I was approached and asked for materials that might be in print which could/would help our OSFGC Clubs set up a Youth Garden Club. These materials might be especially helpful if the club had never worked with youth before. There is a 36-page publication, put out by NGC, that can help! It's entitled: "Youth Garden Club Handbook". It was available from NGC for \$5/copy + postage.

Great news!! I have been able to acquire several copies... for only the cost of shipping!

I should have the copies by the end of the first week of July. To save additional postage, I can bring the copies to the Fall State Board Meeting in early October. If you think you'd rather have a copy before October, we can work something out...just e-mail me.

These booklets should help anyone wanting to start a Youth Garden Club. They include sections on: Sponsorship Requirements; Adult Club Involvement; Organization Opportunities; Program Suggestions (and 20 actual programs!); National Youth Garden Club Awards; Scholarships; and more.

Information You Can Use!

Youth Pollinator Gardens Grant

The 2015-2017 School Gardens Project is entitled "Protect Our Friends the Pollinators...They are Plants' Best Friend". Its goal is to educate school students in how to create native gardens on school grounds and to emphasize how important pollinators are.

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is excited to announce a new grant opportunity for Garden Clubs working with Youth Clubs or groups planning and planting Pollinator Gardens. Grants up to \$200 are available for projects that include: Educational materials on the vital role pollinators play in nature; and youth involvement in planning and planting gardens providing nesting and food sources for pollinators.

Youth should learn the importance of providing appropriate food sources, nesting areas, shelter, and they should practice using sustainable gardening practices for pollinators by planning, planting, and maintaining these pollinator gardens.

To apply for a grant, complete an NGC Grant Application www.gardenclub.org/resources/ngc-youth-pollinator-gardens-grant-application.pdf, provide detailed info about the project, and submit your request to the NGC Youth Committee Chair for approval: Lynne Ehnert, W 143 N 6828 Aspen Drive, Menomonee Falls, WI. 53051, or lehnert@wi.rr.com, or phone [414 630-1959](tel:4146301959).



Grant monies for approved projects will be sent upon the project's completion. Grant recipients need to agree to provide receipts for the reimbursable expenses, as well as pictures of the completed project. Also note that by submission of the request, the Club grants NGC permission to publish all photos.

"Fill the Cup - Feed a Dream"



First the "Good News": There are 89 clubs that are also members of OSFGC. Of these, 37 clubs have donated to the project. Thank you!

Next, the "Better News": Seven Clubs contributed the requested first year donation of \$11; six Clubs donated the full \$22; and 24 Clubs donated more than the requested amount. One major donor gave over \$575. So generous. Thank you all!

"Best News": President Shirley's goal for her two-year term was to raise a total of \$1,800. Not only has that goal already been met, but it's been exceeded! We are on our way to \$1,900 and it's only the end of the first year. Thank you for your support and generosity!

We always save the "Very Best" until last. We have 62 clubs who have been waiting to turn in their donations. If the first 37 clubs (and the major donor) turned in over \$1,800, can you imagine what the total will be next year? What a wonderful gift to the children.

Let's finish strong. If you haven't turned in your contribution, please do so. If your club can't afford the \$22, that's OK. Nita (our State Treasurer) will take any amount. When you send Nita your checks, please be sure to designate the funds for "Fill the Cup-Feed a Dream".

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.

Time to renew your Fred Meyer "Community Rewards" enrollment!

If you've already signed up with Fred Meyer to benefit OSFGC, it is time now to re-enroll. You may do this by phone, at 1-866-518-2686 (expect to wait!) or on line. It's easy to do and quick.

Go to fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. The Community Rewards page will come up, with a line saying "re-enroll or link". Click that, then sign up with your name and password. (If you don't remember your password, you may need to "create an account".) Enter **#91407** and click "The Oregon State...." or enter "The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc." Click "enroll" and the next screen will have a green line at the top that indicates you are updated. Check your information below and sign out if all is correct.

If you have not yet linked up, do it now. It's easy and does not affect your normal benefits, but does give OSFGC a few cents for our Youth Activity Fund every time you shop at Fred Meyer. Use the same website and just follow the prompts.

Thank you for supporting our youth program this easy way.



Reports from Districts and Clubs

Capitol District

Sally Weathers, Director

There are just four Clubs in my District, up from three, due to the efforts of Gaye Stewart who lives in **Dallas** and who has begun a new club this year.

Do you know what M&M's, Leroy Weathers (my husband), and the **Salem Area Garden Club** have in common? They were all begun in 1941... 75 years ago. In September the club had it's second large garage sale of the year, each making about \$1400.00 for the club coffers and scholarship fund. Last fall four of our members planted two shrubs in Weathers Park in Salem and put in stepping stones and bark dust. The land used to belong to my husband's grandfather, so it has special meaning to us.

Our Club continues to have problems getting new members, especially younger ones. And there has been quite a bit of illness and aging going on, but there is still hope. Bob Worden and his wife JoAnn have been doing a great job doing the newsletter for more than one term. We also have some very knowledgeable members, one of whom we submitted as one of the nominees for the Gardener of the Year Award: Joyce Heinke from Jefferson.

The **Willark Park Club** is down to about 6 women who meet every other month for lunch and maybe a garden tour.

My last club is the **St. Paul Garden Club**, about 30 miles away. Their President JoAnne Keeley informed me that they made a food bank donation of \$1500 which was super.

All of my three original clubs participated in the "Frightened Frog" book campaign by buying books and also the Willark Park and Salem Area clubs donated \$250 each so I could put a book in each elementary school in the Salem/Keizer school district and each small town in Marion and Polk County libraries.

I had fun hosting the Spring State Board meeting at the Oregon Gardens, especially with all the help of the Executive Board and President Shirley Schmidt and my husband.

I don't have a board of my own for the District, so we haven't had a District Meeting and I am not convinced I have the health and stamina or enough reason to hold one since all the clubs have speakers at their meetings and are rather scattered apart geographically. I am also trying to preserve the District funds handed down to me for future needs.

I love meeting the wonderful people involved in the various meetings and going to the different areas of the State, but I hope we can find a new director to take over for me the next year or at least by next June.

Clackamas District

Jane Sercombe, Director

One year ago Clackamas District began planning for the Fall State Board Meeting to be held at Hull Park in Sandy, OR. Many attended the rustic setting and walked through the Gardens of Enchantment. President Shirley and the officers planted a Dawn Redwood, which is thriving. We all had a great time.

During the fall and winter, twelve tree and shrub plantings were recorded for Pacific Region. On Valentine's Day, the first Centennial event for West Linn Garden Club took place at the historic McLean House in West Linn. In April a second tree was planted at the West Linn Senior Center.

The tally for Clackamas District in March was 24,000 pounds for Share the Bounty. Incredible what Garden Club members can do! The donations given by our ten clubs is also incredible.

Many clubs give a scholarship to a Clackamas Community College student in horticulture. One club has given \$35,000 over 27 years.

The Gardens of Enchantment is well supported by our district, along with Leach Botanical Gardens, Audubon Society, American Wildlife, Green Corps, Tryon Creek Park, Rogerson Clematis Garden, and many more charities. At Christmas, our smallest Club knits scarves and mittens for Annie Ross House, a foundation for families in transition.

Two Blue Star Markers are on their way: One for Camp Withycombe and the second for Fairview Veterans Hospital to be dedicated September 9, 2016. This marker came about with the help of Portland, Pioneer, Multnomah, and Clackamas Districts.

Thank you Clackamas District for a very successful 2016.

After the interview with National President Sandra Robinson on our local radio show, we got busy with the Frightened Frog project and have sold two boxes of books. Several clubs have purchased books for elementary schools and youth groups in their area. This was a very good year!

~ Clackamas District: Growing Gardens and Gardeners ~

Klamath District

Tanja Swanson, Director

We are not so small anymore... Klamath welcomed two new Clubs in the past year.

First the Tree League, not exactly a Garden Club, but they fit very well within our goals and activities. They've actually been around for 20 years. But we benefit from each other and so they became a member of our District. The Tree League helped us, of course, with tree plantings.

The other new Club is in the tiny town of Bly with more than 20 members! Their President is very enthusiastic and well organized so they had quite a few great programs already. No wonder that they keep adding members.

Evening Primrose Garden Club is hanging on by their nails. They still are in charge of the Potato Festival Flower Show with help from the District. Their President is also in charge of the Klamath County Fair Flower Show in which the whole District participates.

Running Y Garden Club is mostly concentrating on their Community Garden now. They contribute lots of lbs. to our local food bank. They also have an end-of-season dinner party with lots of corn and other goodies!

Northside is our oldest club, 63 years in November, so we have lots of honored members. Northside just added all of the leftover plants from their yearly plant sale to the Crisis Center's garden. The staff at the Center keeps commenting what a peaceful place the garden has become to their patrons in distress. And that was what the Club had in mind when they started working there years ago. Northside also sponsored a 6th grade class to become their first Youth Club.

The District is doing a modified Third Thursday project this year, and added a late October Scarecrow Festival.

The Tree League and the Garden Club, are talking with ODOT about not mowing where native plants grow.

We still are disappointed with our wild flower plantings... but we keep trying!

Mt. Hood District

Diana Caryl, Tina Weekly, Directors

The five clubs in the Mt. Hood District have been busy improving our little corner of the world "Along the Oregon Trail."

In May, Maupin Dig and Hoe host their plant and adoptable sale which funds several scholarships including Claire Hanley, Wasco County 4-H, and Barlow Gate Grange. Donations from the Club provide flowers for Canyon Rim Manor and candy for their trick-or-treaters. It provides plants for K-3rd graders to give to their mothers for Mother's Day. They install and maintain the hanging baskets in the city of Maupin. Included in last year's 670 volunteer hours, was care of their Blue Star Memorial Garden...it's truly outstanding!

Dufur Valley has started acknowledging a home in Dufur with a "Beautification Plaque" for well-kept gardens, beds, and yards. As a Club, they are busy maintaining beds of their own at the Post Office, Catholic Parish Hall, and maybe adopting a bed at City Hall soon. They are now ready to assist with classes at the Dufur School's greenhouse which has recently been finished. Their Blue Star Marker is getting a place of honor next to the newly completed "Veteran's Wall."

Parkdale keeps busy restoring the Parkdale Memorial Garden - they have added 3 trees from 3 Clubs in our District as part of the regional project to plant a tree. Weather delayed the target date for the project, but the trees are in the ground now. An ice cream social is coming up to celebrate the garden and let everyone see progress. They have been working with the kindergarten class at their elementary school showing them how to plant seeds with each child taking home a plant to care for.

Odell hosts two flower shows each year...this was the 14th Annual Fall Show. They made 15 arrangements and 60 bud vases for the Hood Care Center for Mother's Day. Odell takes 15-35 bouquets every Friday to Heart of Hospice and still finds time for a Valentine Tea, road trips, plant sales, and wreath-making for local Odell businesses.

Hood River Evening has found renewed enthusiasm in our group by working together on fund-raisers and planning the "Tea Social" at the convention. We seem to really like making "Art"... our Pumpkin Decorating and Tiered Plate Making meeting nights had great attendance. Harvest Fest will see the return of our booth with the Odell and Parkdale Clubs working together. One-on-one is a great way to get to know our other gardening friends!



Front row: Naomi Frisbie, Nancy Case, Pam Lago, Mary Graves, Norma Curtis
Back row: Jackie Shaw, Judy Wols, Sue Richardson, Diana Carroll



Nine Odell Garden Club members came with lots of flowers, greenery and fun stories to share as we did 36 table arrangements for the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation fund raiser. This is the third year that we have done it for them. They were most generous and we were able to fund another Odell Garden Clubber to the OSFGC 2016 Convention. Thank you for all you help.

Multnomah District

Janet Conley, Director

I am proud to be District Director for such an active District. Although we are small in number we are very active in all State Projects, District Projects, and Club projects. We participate in President Shirley's projects to feed the hungry both in Oregon and in the world. We give to Claire Hanley Scholarships, Penny Pines, and participated in Roadside Council's Wildflower Project, Youth Projects, and participate in the County Fair yearly as judges, clerks, and participants. We also help youth enter Smokey Bear and Woody Owl poster contests.

Many of our members work with Clackamas members and take sections in the Gardens of Enchantment garden to prepare, plant, weed and take care of that plot from spring to fall. Some of our members work on the Historic Columbian Highway at Crown Point's Vista House. We take care of two Blue Star Markers and are working with Portland, Pioneer and Clackamas Districts to erect another one at the new Veteran's building in Fairview.

We have members that volunteer their time at Leach Botanical Garden in the Manor House, Gift Shop, Administration Building, with Scott-the-gardener and other monthly jobs. We also work at special projects, the tea, plant sales, holiday greens sale where we make articles and work as cashiers, and many other activities and projects throughout the year.

Each Club has educational programs and special projects such as Shepard's Door, a shelter for women and their Children; school and public building landscape projects, community gardens, working with children improving reading skills; Christmas giving of meals, Christmas family adoptions, and numerous other things that improve the world around us.

But nothing has made me prouder than one our Clubs, Columbian Garden Club, took the initiative to set up a yearly fund to benefit a young person in college studying horticulture, with a partial scholarship for an internship at Leach Botanical Garden. This is the Gary W. Simone Memorial Intern Fund at Leach Botanical Garden. This fund honors our dear friend Gary, and helps both a youth and Leach Botanical Garden - one of our State and District projects. We hope you, as delegates from your Districts, will remember Gary W. Simone by contributing to this project. During his retirement and membership in Garden Club he was the Garden Study State Chairman, worked to getting the Blue Star Marker at Multnomah Falls and a variety of other important projects. When the fund was announced at our Semi-Annual Meeting this past spring our attendees made another generous contribution. They took the information back to their Clubs and even more was donated.

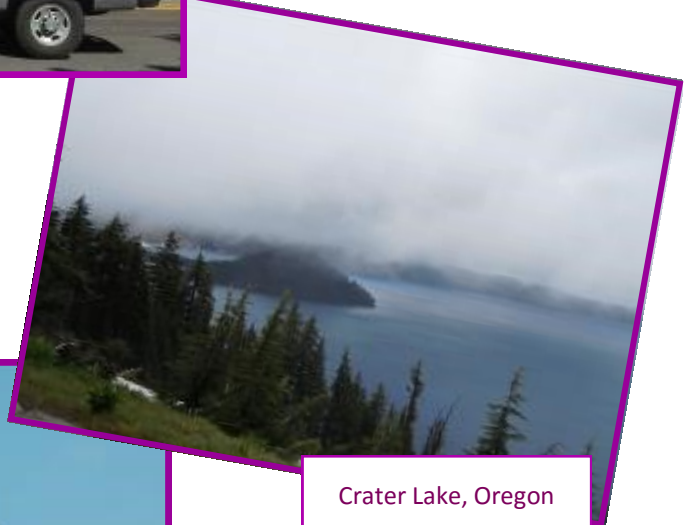
The Multnomah District Director reports that the Gary W. Simone Memorial Intern Fund helps support a college intern every summer. **Leach Botanical Garden** has been a State Project for many years, but financial support has not been very abundant. A few Clubs became annual members, a few members also became 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.

National Parks

Celebrating 100 Years of Service



Dingmanns Falls, Pennsylvania



Crater Lake, Oregon



Ellis Island, New York

Which Park have you visited this summer or years ago?
E-mail your pictures to
mahonia.editor@gmail.com

Pacific District

Judi Barkley, Director

Last summer the Pacific District members gathered for a Progressive Lunch and Garden Tour. We toured gardens from Depoe Bay to Otis; each one unique and beautiful. Morning snacks were served at the first stop, lunch was eaten in Lincoln City, and dessert was enjoyed in Otis. We had a great turnout for the event, and have plans under way for a similar lunch and tour for this July.

Members of Pacific District work on several community projects as volunteers. One favorite volunteer site is the Connie Hansen Garden in Lincoln City - working in the garden and supporting the organization. The Lincoln City Cultural Center front entrance is another project which brings the sight of colorful daffodils in the spring. This is "a work in progress" and will continue to beautify the Cultural Center along Highway 101. The Otis Garden on Highway 18 began years ago as a highway beautification project. The garden requires weeding, cleaning, annual planting, and watering in the summer. Carol Newgard heads up the Community Garden plot that supports our local food pantry by growing produce which is then donated to the pantry.

The Lincoln City Flower Show is always a highlight of the summer. Our Flower Show committee, headed by Karen Brown, is dedicated to putting on the show every year. It is held in August at the Lincoln City Community Center and is open to all gardeners. Many residents of the area participate by showing their flowers, produce, and designs. Members of the Pacific District also participate in the show, as well as help with set-up, receiving entries, hosting during the show hours, and taking down the show at the end. Our Clubs also provide needed financial help for the show.

This year we partnered with Ginny Timmerman of North Coast District to start an Arrangers' Guild. The monthly meetings have an assigned design type, and we bring suitable materials to the meeting. We work to create our design during the meeting, and critique each design when finished. As well as learning how to create various designs, we hope that there will be new entries in the Flower Show design classes.

A number of us traveled to Silverton to spend a day at the Oregon Garden last summer. It was a great way to "Nurture Friendships" as we looked at the garden and ate lunch together.

Due to the determined efforts of Jenny Dahrens it looks like we will be able to have our Blue Star Marker refurbished with the help of the VFW and an Eagle Scout candidate.

Pioneer District

Stan Chiotti, Director

Pioneer District covers Columbia, Washington, and Yamhill counties. We have 16 Garden Clubs, with almost 700 members. That is over 25% of the entire OSFGC membership.

We are all actively engaged with Growing, Showing, and Sharing. A lot of our members are involved with community gardens, therapy gardens, or youth gardens. It is so encouraging and rewarding to see young kids pick and eat items fresh out of their gardens. Radishes and spinach are devoured on the spot, no parents telling them to eat your vegetables.

Showing is what gardeners do. Whether it is in your yard, at a flower show, at a county or state fair, at a city park your club adopts, or with floral baskets hanging from lamp posts down the main drag of your town that you maintain, gardeners love to share. It is all a rewarding experience and something to be proud that you were a part of.

Sharing is what it is all about. Scholarships are a good example. Our District approved \$3500.00 to six well qualified individuals for the upcoming school year. We normally have two applicants a year, so six is fantastic. Two of our clubs give \$4000. to their local youth.

The "Share the bounty, tip the scale" project has been a bright spot for our District. From the last State Board meeting report, we gave half of the produce. We are busy again this year, with about 10,000 additional pounds of produce. The heavy items like corn, pumpkins, and zucchini won't show up until this fall.



Portland District

Nancy Ebsen, Director

Portland District continues to be alive and well with activity and participation in OSFGC projects from all six of our Clubs. Like all Districts, some Clubs fight the battle to stay alive as our members age and they do not acquire younger members.

That does not stop them from participating. Two clubs work on the Butterfly Garden at the Zimmerman House in East Portland. This is a 100-plus year old farmhouse, where we have put in a very large garden, mainly spear-headed by former OSFGC President, Peggy Olin. One very small club continues to plant a special garden that helps feed the homeless and elderly in southeast Portland. A few of them make their way to the garden on Senior Transportation.

The District does most of the floral work for the Willamette Cemetery Memorial Day Celebration. We planted geraniums, petunias and lobelia in keeping with the red, white and blue. The wall that holds the flags is large and curved and two-sided. Portland Judges Council makes the wreaths and other floral decorations for the ceremony. One of my favorite things in the space that is dedicated to Flanders Field. Last year we put in poppies, adding some more this year. They were actually blooming in time for the ceremony. If you have never been to one of the ceremonies you are missing a treat. Music and speakers do special honor to our armed forces.

Every Club planted an Oregon grape. One is at Camp Namanu, the Camp Fire's Camp. Our Assistant Director is an avid volunteer there every June. That Oregon grape was placed in a pot, named and given a tie. He visited each member's home while the Club decided where to plant him. The two clubs that take care of the Zimmerman House planted their Oregon grapes in the Zimmerman garden as well as spreading a wealth of wildflowers.

Rogue District

Joan Johnson, Cheryl Drumheller, Directors

Article Printed in The World Newspaper, June 9, 2016

Gardeners and groups across the country are joining National Garden Week, June 5th - 11, to celebrate the nation's love of gardening - to focus on conserving earth's natural resources, helping with community service projects and promoting gardening education.

Members from the Coos Bay Garden Club and Friends of Hinsdale Garden, Reedsport, got a head start by celebrating on June 4th at Shores Acres State Park. This event also recognized Oregon State Parks Day. "Many stopped to talk with us in the Garden House after strolling through the beautiful gardens."

Both clubs displayed pictures and literature on "what they were all about." Twenty-four people stopped by the Coos Bay Garden Club table to craft their own greeting card using pressed flowers. One woman commented, "I'm going to mail this to my mother today."

Earlier this week, the Coos Bay Garden Club members took floral bouquets to various local businesses thanking them for their support and to bring awareness of National Garden Week.

Whether you're a novice, professional gardener or in-between, there are several advantages to gardening ... to promote a healthy lifestyle that lasts a lifetime, help reduce stress from other areas of our life, teach that rewards can come from diligent efforts, and it enables gardeners across the nation and the world to serve others in the communities where they reside and work.

Santiam District

Joli Root, Director

Santiam District summer picnic was held on July 21 in Lebanon. Special guests were, Shirley Schmidt, OSFGC President; Gaye Stewart, OSFGC First vice President, and her husband Mike; Tanja Swanson, OSFGC Second Vice President and husband Andy.

Members met at the new Best Western Boulder Falls Inn. They toured the Japanese gardens designed by famous landscape Architect, Hoichi Kurisu. Afterwards they made a trip to Lebanon's Historic Ralston park where they perused the Lebanon Garden Club's rose garden project. Members brought their own meals and had lunch at Lebanon's River Park.

Adopt the pace of nature: her secret is patience.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



Jacksonville Garden Club's project

Siskiyou

District

Jo Ann Miller, Director

When Suzy Twist-Powell, the Siskiyou District Director, passed away in December 2015, we lost an elegant, artistic, and incredibly talented member. She has been and will be missed by all. I was elected in December 2015 to fulfill her term (2015-2017). I needed to catch up on the Director's duties and have received tremendous

support from our Officers, Club Presidents, Committee Chairs, and a host of other Siskiyou District members, for which I say Thank You!

Our Clubs have been very active in their communities as well as showing the communities the District and OSFGC objectives and how we are all involved: Gardens of the Month, Heirloom Gardens, Feast of Will, Rogue Valley Reforestation, Flower Show School, SOU Extension Classes, Garden Tours, Holiday Greens and Wreaths, CASA, Easter decorations, the Britt Gardens, and many others.

Our programs have run the gamut from edible landscapes, succulents, plants with a past, beating the winter blahs, edible mushrooms, Monarch butterflies & other pollinators, SO. OR. unusual plants, organisms in water, natural stone creations, drought resistant plants, Thanksgiving arrangements, table decorations, Ikebana, container plantings, civic plantings and upkeep.

Scholarships were given to Rogue Community College, Claire Hanley, and Oregon Stewardship. All Clubs took part in providing flowers for the VA Southern Oregon Rehabilitation Center and Clinics (SORCC) non-denominational chapel throughout the summer. AND the Central Point Garden Club dedicated a Blue Star Memorial Marker on June 21st.

We have increased our membership by 37 members this year. And held plant sales, plant sales, plant sales galore. PLUS Grants Pass Garden Club is celebrating its 90th Birthday! Hooray!!

Willamette District

Sharon Wilson, Director

Willamette District has six clubs with a total membership of 173.

This year the District put on a flower show "March Madness". All clubs helped with planning and participation. We also had a successful plant sale the Saturday before Mother's Day. This sale is the main fundraiser for most of our clubs and the District. We did very well.

We do civic gardening in our communities, helping seniors and children make floral arrangements. Several clubs planted their Oregon grape or some other shrub.

We passed the Cup and put canned goods in our local Food banks.

The Eugene Garden Club bought enough "Frog" books for each elementary school in the Eugene and Bethel districts. Plus Club members bought books for their own use.



Monday night Entertainment
Lion's Guys
Clinton Curtis, Dave Tallman
and Andy Streich



Memorial Service
Carol Moore



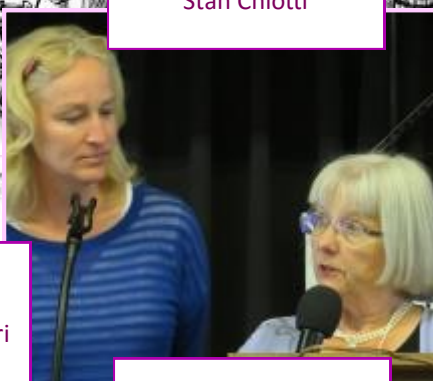
Memorial Service
Stan Chiotti



Treasure Chest Auction
Barbara Reavis and
Elaine Hill



Wednesday night
speech - Kristie Livreri



Keep Oregon Green
Kris Babbs and Marcia
Kay Whitelock



Convention Co-chairs
Norma Curtis and
Trish Page.
Very much appreciated!



Forget-Me-Not

*This President wishes to express sincere
APPRECIATION and THANKS to the leadership of
the Mount Hood and Blue Mountain Districts and
their loyal members who prepared for and carried
out the many duties of making OSFGC Convention
2016 MEMORABLE! !!*

Shirley Schmidt



Tea Time



Beverly Seibel lost a pin at the Tuesday night convention meeting in the Gorge Room or rest room. It is a small tie tack size. A tree in gold color. It means a lot to her as it was given to her at the Freedom Tree planting in Washington D.C. after 9-11 when she was President.



Regional District News

The poem Regional Director Kristie Livreri wrote and recited at our convention:

Through laughter or tears, in joy or in strife
We're a piece of the puzzle in someone else's life.

Each puzzle piece is unique and can't be forced into place,
But all fit comfortably if given the right space.

We all fit together and can become perfectly neat
Each piece is important to make the picture complete.

The Master Gardener's plan is for all to learn and to grow-
A responsibility for us to share what we know.

We can plant seeds of knowledge and tend with care
Then glean the harvest of more members to share.

Even though we're different, we belong, you and me
To the same organization of NGC.

Eight regions, fifty states with members in all
Each part of the puzzle, some big and some small.

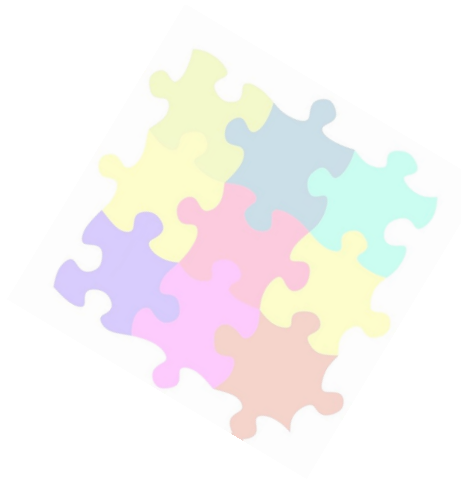
Communication is the key to success
Questions must be answered for us to progress.

So when life gets puzzling; and we're not sure of the future
Let's turn to each other for guidance and nurture.

Then remember in times of happiness or times of strife
We are all pieces of the puzzle in one another's life.



Delightful Kristie



Kristie Livreri
receiving an OSFGC Life
Membership Award
from Jenny Dahrens
and President Shirley.



Barbara Reavis



National Garden Clubs, Inc. News

The National Gardener Is the National Garden Club's quarterly publication. Not everyone receives this very interesting little colorful magazine. It has lots of information and messages from the National President. I hope someone in your club will share it with you. You can also subscribe. A one year subscription is \$8.00 or \$21.00 for a three year subscription.

Or you can read the magazine online:

<http://www.gardenclub.org/tng-online/tng-summer-2016-final-01.pdf>

This is an excerpt from **Sandra Robinson's** article in the Summer issue of the National Gardeners magazine.

Why plant trees? Each minute the equivalent of 48 football fields of trees are lost, or 15 billion trees each year. Annually, it takes 96 mature trees to absorb the CO₂ produced by each man, woman, and child on the planet. A recent report of ACTrees noted the enormous monetary, social, and ecological value of trees to society. The report states:

- *The average annual net benefit of a mature tree is \$85 in a yard and \$113 on public land.

- *Urban forests can reduce annual storm-water runoff by 2-7%, and a mature tree can store 50 to 100 gallons of water during large storms.

- *Trees clean the air by absorbing carbon dioxide, sulphur dioxide, nitrous oxides, and other pollutants, and also shade cars and parking lots, reducing ozone emissions from vehicles.

- *Mature trees absorb 120-240 pounds of particulate pollution each year.

- *Trees and other plants help remediate soils at landfills and other contaminated sites by absorbing, transforming, and containing a number of contaminants.

- *A study of children with attention deficit disorders discovered that the effect of a walk through a park is equal to two typical ADHD medications.

- *Researchers from Columbia University found childhood asthma rates were highest in parts of the city where tree density was lowest.

- *Green environment impacts worker productivity: In one study, workers without nature views from their desks claimed 23% more sick days than workers with views of parks.

- *Patients recovering from surgery in hospital rooms with window views of natural scenes had shorter postoperative hospital stays and received fewer negative evaluations in nurses' notes.

- *Trees absorb high-frequency noise, which is most distressing to people.

- *Trees improve driving safety.

- *Studies have found general increases of up to 37% in residential property values associated with the presence of trees and vegetation on a property.

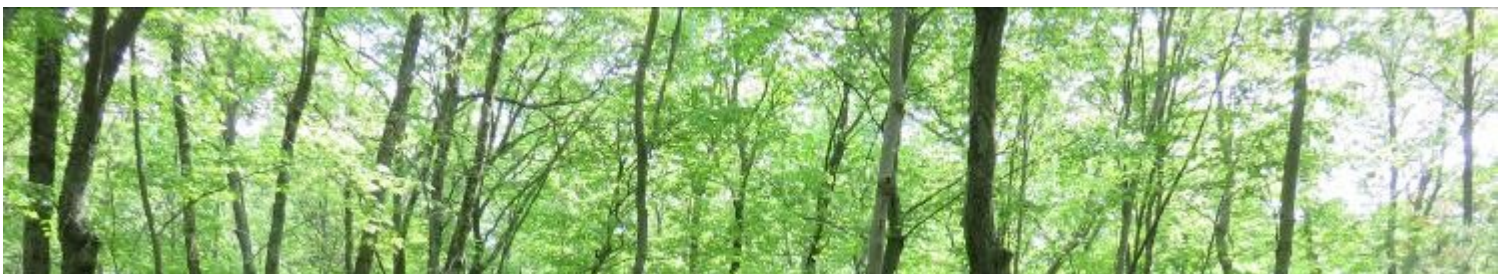
- *Planting 100 million urban trees can store and avoid up to 357 billion tons of carbon over the next 50 years.

- *The net cooling effect of a healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day.

- *Urban forests help create and enhance animal and plant habitats and can act as "reservoirs" for endangered species.

"In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful." ~Alice Walker, African-American writer and poet (b. 1944)

Leap Into Action: Plan for the future by planting a tree today while improving your green state of mind and the environment.



Calendar of Events

2016

- August 23, 24 Flower Show Symposium, Wilsonville, OR.
- September 26-Oct 2 NGC Fall Board Meeting, Portland, Maine
- October 9,10 OSFGC Fall Board Meeting Monarch Hotel - Leach Botanical Garden, Portland, OR.
- October 25-27 Gardening Study School, Ridgefield, WA.

2017

- March 13 OSFGC Spring Board Meeting, Albany, OR.
- April 18-20 Pacific Region Convention, Seattle, WA.
- May 16-21 NGC Convention, Richmond, Virginia
- June 13-15 OSFGC Convention, Ashland Springs Hotel, Ashland, OR.



Sternwheeler Cruise
a perfect end to the convention.

OSFGC Board Meeting October 9th and 10th 2016

Come join us at the Monarch Hotel in Clackamas
(near Clackamas Town Center).

We have fun events planned for SUNDAY the 9th
for those of you who are interested.

Curated tour of Leach Botanical Gardens at 1:30 p.m.
(One of the gardens that OSFGC helps support.)

No-host dinner at Saylor's Famous Old Country Kitchen
Steak House at 5 p.m.

Reservations needed for a head count only.

Order off the extensive banquet menu. Separate checks.

Hotel reservations: 503-652-1515 or 1-800-492-8700

We hope to see many of you there !!!

Meeting on Monday in the Hotel.

Hosted by Multnomah District
Carolyn Elsten and Janet Conley, Chairs.

State Directory Edits

Corvallis Flower Basket Program
in the Santiam District has a new
President:

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He and Helen Ellis, former
President, changed places

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August 29

Jo Ann Miller
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Leach Botanical Garden Activities for children and adults

Those of you that live in or near Portland should explore the educational benefits in which you and your children (or grandchildren) may take part. Check Leach Botanical Garden's website for year-round opportunities. I took two classes this summer, Plein Air and Botanical Illustration in the Garden. Both taught techniques I added to my personal style.

In May, a successful "Nature Fair" featuring "Pollinator Power" with 300+ children and their caregivers in attendance learned about how pollinators work their magic. They saw "bees, birds, goats and chickens up close," were able to try out a salmon obstacle course and take part in crafts and other fun filled activities.

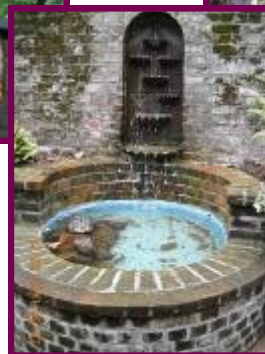
The Art in Nature Day Camp was well attended. Their observation and recording skills were honed with close-up exploration of the natural world. Butterfly wings, flowers and bird varieties showed the diversity of color within them, and inspired a wide range of artistic undertakings including painting, print-making, ceramics and sculpture for the young artist.

A series of lectures was presented for the late summer and fall; you might be able to catch the late September or October lectures if this newsletter reaches you before early September. Those of you in areas away from the metro area, if you find an activity you would like to attend, I have two guest rooms available.

The Garden is open Tuesday thru Saturday 9am to 4pm, Sunday 1:00 to 4pm, with the gift shop open Tuesday thru Saturday 10am to 3:50pm and Sunday 1:00 to 3:50pm. Self-guided tours are easy and you may do as much or as little as your time permits. Free guided tours are every Saturday 11am to noon. Remember the Honey Bee Hikes for Pre-school Children are every Wednesday all year. This is a great program for you to take your grandchildren to.

Check out the web site www.leachgarden.org or contact Janice Jenkins, Educational Coordinator at 503-823-1671 or jjenkins@leachgarden.org for other programs you might want to attend. Become a Leach member and supporter. Send your donations to State Treasurer Nita Wood for Leach General Fund or the Gary W. Simone Horticultural Internship Fund, then I will write a warrant for the funds to be sent.

Don't forget to join us Sunday, October 9th, before the State Board Meeting 1:30 to 4 to see for yourself this wonderful and special garden. The 122nd Avenue Bridge is closed to vehicles-download map to parking or park in upper garden level by Annex on 122 Avenue just south of Foster. The Main entrance at the Manor House has two handicapped parking spots, or you may drop your riders off at Manor House and park in the upper level.



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