

# *The Mahonia*

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## Powering our Pollinators

### Tips for making our gardens safer for pollinators and beneficial insects

Submitted by Nicole Sanchez

A diversity of flowers from the Aster family, Asteraceae, are helpful to encourage pollinators. These include any daisy-type flower from Shasta Daisies to Sunflowers. The large amount of pollen is not only helpful to bees, but also to predatory insects who supplement their diets with pollen after they've reduced the population of harmful insects in your garden.

When choosing cultivars of flowers for your garden, be aware that varieties bred specifically for cut flowers may not be the best choices for pollinators. Cut flower varieties are bred to have less of the very thing that bees need - pollen - to reduce staining on our linens and clothes when we bring flowers indoors. You might consider planting some of each to meet all the needs in your garden.



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## From the President's Desk *Gaye Stewart, OSFGC president 2017-2019*

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Dear OSFGC Members,

The 90<sup>th</sup> Convention of this honorable and dedicated organization was held June 12-14, in Ashland and hosted by Siskiyou District. Their warm welcome and attention to detail added to our enjoyment of the meetings with President Shirley Schmidt graciously and enthusiastically presiding, beautiful flowers, delightful entertainment and educational workshops. Thank you, all, for a Great Convention!

As your newly elected President for 2017-2019, many opportunities await our immediate attention! My theme is **"Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest."** I believe the seeds we plant, individually and collectively, will generate an abundant Harvest later! The seeds of ideas, joy, enthusiasm, participation, encouragement and invitation will "grow" the harvest!

Here are this President's Goals for the coming two years as presented at the State Post-Convention Board meeting:

- 1) Participate in my President's Project to **"Plant a Pollinator Garden in Public Places."** Each Club is asked to plant a garden in each of the coming two years to provide food for the pollinators, giving us 172 new pollinator gardens in Oregon!
- 2) Engage in a Statewide Membership Drive – Details to come, but Invite, Invite, Invite!
- 3) Promote and support educational courses and workshops made available. Each State Board meeting will provide one or two special workshops and we will share the creative expertise of our members.
- 4) Participate in our organization and have "Fun!"
- 5) Develop a plan for linking us together
  - Club to District
  - District to State
  - State to Neighboring States
  - Our State to Pacific Region
  - Our Pacific Region to the NGC
- 6) Use Legislation to protect and preserve our Air, Water, Forests, Land and Wildlife. How could we help legislate control of harmful pesticides which affect the bee population and other pollinators?

We will grow strong through our actions – And we will reap the Harvest!

Blessings to you for an abundant Summer.



# **“Planting Pollinator Gardens In Public Places”**



**Announcing OSFGC President’s Project  
for 2017-2019**

**Oregon will be blooming with fresh new flower garden plantings designed to attract and provide safe food for bees. With 86 clubs in the state choosing a highly visible public place (the post office, city park, city hall, the Blue Star Memorial Markers, the entrance to your town), “The bees will reap the harvest”**

**The pollinators need our help! We kill our bees through pesticide use, loss of habitat, and environmental changes due to pollution.**

**To save our bees, we must plant flowers and blooming trees! With 86 clubs and two years, that’s 172 gardens!**

**We’re counting gardens!**

## OSFGC T-Shirt Order Form

We have an opportunity to order green, long-sleeved T-shirts to wear proudly in our communities and together at public events and even to our meetings. You can purchase one for yourself and/or as a special gift for a hard-working Club member.

Our cost will be determined by the number of shirts ordered, but should be between \$10 and \$14. The right sleeve will say "OSFGC" down the arm and the back will have the theme "Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest." Payment will be due at the Fall Board meeting in October. Please make copies of this order form to share with your Club.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_ Club: \_\_\_\_\_

Size(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_ Small; \_\_\_\_ Medium; \_\_\_\_ Large; \_\_\_\_ X-Large; \_\_\_\_ 2 X-Large

**Please return your order to Gaye Stewart by August 1, 2017.**

You may mail it to: 761 SE Lynchet Lane, Dallas, OR 97338-9572; or  
e-mail it to [Rosesremembered@aol.com](mailto:Rosesremembered@aol.com). Questions? Call Gaye at 503-510-4370.





President Shirley Schmidt

My dear OSFGC members,

What wonderful experiences this President enjoyed during her two-years as your leader: Teas, flower shows, Blue Star dedications, installations, picnics, district and garden club meetings, and Board meetings with forecasting decisions for our organization! Thank you for your kind invitations!

Your acceptance of the President's Project: "Share the Bounty – Tip the Scale" THRILLS my heart when the report comes that your generous donations to food banks tipped the scale at 440,000 pounds!!! And the World Gardening project exceeded the goal of \$1800 the first year – with a final amount of more than \$2600.

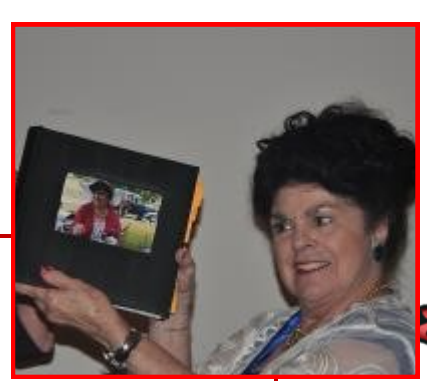
The BEAUTIFUL vase and all other lady bug gifts showered on me at Convention 2017 make me proud to have been selected to serve you. Thank you for your thoughtfulness.

You are the BEST!

I'll love you always.

In friendship,  
Shirley Schmidt  
OSFGC President

2015-2017



### President's Project

*Lucy Chambers, Chair*

Just want to let our Garden Club members know how great they are.

Share the Bounty - "Tip the Scale" final numbers were... **446,223 lbs.**

**Thank you all for your generosity.**

## Executive Reports

### 2nd Vice President

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### Protocol

These past two years have gone by so fast. Thank you for allowing me to be your second vice president. I have learned so much and I hope you have learned something from me, about protocol and publicity.

We learned that protocol was pretty much using your manners and good judgement. Just some guidelines to make life and meetings more pleasant. That also counts for using the internet.

I talked and wrote about publicity, believing that anything you do with your club or your district can be publicized. Your meetings, your accomplishments, your community outreach, your flower shows and your plant sales, just to name a few. Use your web site, post on Facebook and send your pictures to your local paper.

Thank you again and the next term we will work on membership!

As first-vice President my theme for membership is



Happy members are the best way to attract new members and retain the ones we have!

Think about your local club. How flexible are you? Do you encourage new ideas?

Do you appreciate everyone's individual talents? It is important to find out what it is that your members enjoy most! Use their talents! Make them feel needed.

Membership starts with happy members! I know there are clubs that concentrate on one activity, but overall it is good to offer different programs. Some members are just interested in flower design, others want to work with kids, or actual gardening is what they prefer. So be flexible and offer a little bit of everything of what your members like





## Corresponding Secretary

*Cheryl Drumheller*

As Corresponding Secretary, my current 2-year term has been filled with learning and delight. I have met many interesting, knowledgeable fellow gardeners, taken the opportunity to travel throughout this beautiful state of Oregon where God's hand has been at work creating lush hillsides, and continue to learn more and more about gardening. I've enjoyed learning at meetings and conventions, and renewing friendships and making new friends.

One challenge for me was pronouncing Will-AM-ette correctly. I've overcome that.

Currently, my task is to gather information for the OSFGC Directory 2017-2019 roster.

**District Directors, if you haven't done so, please send me the updated information on your officers, chairmen, and club presidents.**

Lastly, if you see me smiling it may be because I feel so blessed to be surrounded by my fellow gardeners, and am reminiscing of the special times we've shared.



Cheryl Drumheller



Jane Sercombe, Shirley Schmidt  
and Cheryl



Nancy Ebsen and Garnet Ascher

## Parliamentarian

*Nancy Ebsen*

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After 6 years as your Parliamentarian, I am stepping down. I have loved being a vital part of this organization in that capacity. During this time, we have all worked to improve our club Bylaws and our state Bylaws. We began a process of collecting our Policy and Procedures for Districts and State. Don't let that slide. They still need to be fine-tuned periodically.

During the last 2 years, I served as chairman of the Bylaws Committee. I learned a lot and think now that it's over I can finally say I get it.

I have requested that each district send me a copy of their Bylaws and their Policy and Procedures. Thanks to all who have responded with that information, or at least have said they were working on it. Your Bylaws need reviewing if they have not been done in five years. They may not need change, but review and make sure.

Thank you for all the work you have put in to make this job a joy.

## Recording Secretary

*Jane Sercombe*



Many changes have come my way since joining Shirley's team. I knew that taking minutes would be the main event, but I didn't know I would be singing in the Lady Bug Glee Club!

Looking to the future, consider sending in your application for a state office, or consider joining one of the many committees that you hear about. Join this group of remarkable women and men who have given so much to keep all these programs rolling along. You will meet many people beyond your local garden club, and state events, workshops and programs will keep you updated and powered up with news for your districts.

## Appointed Assistant Treasurer

*Karen Brown*

Filling the newly formed position of Assistant Treasurer this term involved working closely with Nita Wood to help her become familiar with the treasury procedures, including using the Excel program for our accounting. She must issue checks when warrants and receipts are sent, deposit funds, and account accurately for all income and expenditures. It is not a hard job, and is fulfilling, but it does take time.

I served as a consultant when Nita had questions, or needed assistance with the Excel program, or as a proofreader to help find an error. During the first year, I also kept an Excel file with all of the transactions so we could compare notes, but she has become so proficient now that I didn't need to do that this year.

I was asked to second-sign a goodly number of checks and mail them on to the appropriate recipient when Shirley was not available to do that.

I helped Nita recently by sending out a copy of the remittance form to an officer of each club, requesting that it be given to the person in charge of paying dues. Without having sent a form the year before, we found that dues were sent late or not at all without nagging.

I also handled all of the details pertaining to OSFGC's relationship with the IRS, and answered all of the related questions that clubs and individuals asked either of us. This particular job does not necessarily belong to the treasurer and adds a good deal of stress if the treasurer has to deal with it.

There is an IRS form to update each year in February, and a reminder to send out to clubs in October if they have not already submitted the forms due Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Helping clubs complete the incorporation and 501(c)(3) applications is part of the job, as well as providing copies of our paperwork when needed. It would be helpful to have a chairman for these tasks.

The Assistant Treasurer position has now become part of our Standing Rules. If there is someone you know, or perhaps yourself, who might become the next treasurer, serving as an assistant is good training and I would encourage them to step up and learn.



## Members of Distinction

### *Blue Mountain District, Cece Delfs*

Cece has been a member of a federated Garden Club for 44 years. She has served in many capacities at the local, district and state level. At present she is a member of both the Bloomer Girls Garden Club and the Umatilla Garden Club as well as a member of a garden club in Tucson, Arizona where she and her husband spend the winter.

She is a master Flower Show Judge and is a member of Blue Mountain Judges Council. She has designed flower arrangements to honor dignitaries at convention several times. In 2003 she planned the flower show for that state convention. Cece has been active in helping with the Flower Shows at the Umatilla County Fair and for many years held a Flower Design workshop at the fair for 4-H members. She has also conducted Flower Design Workshops for both clubs where she is a member.

It is with pleasure that we honor her as our Member of Distinction.

Bertha Keith, Blue Mountain Director

### *Clackamas District, Shirley Dyal*

Shirley Dyal organized and established the Sandy Garden Club in 1972. At this time the club joined Clackamas District, OSFGC, and the National Council of State Garden Clubs.

From 1979 to 1981 Shirley was Clackamas District Director and later was District Parliamentarian.

She attended OSFGC State Board Meetings and Conventions for decades, serving on the Ways & Means and Budget Committees.

This great lady continues to be a faithful member of our gardening community and we are honored for Shirley Dyal to represent Clackamas District as our Distinguished Member.



### *Klamath District, Vickie Liskey*

Vickie Liskey has been interested in Garden Clubs since she was a little girl as she was fascinated by her grandmother's design ribbons.

She was one of the founding members of the Evening Primrose Garden Club in the early 1990's and has been active as the Klamath County Fair Flower Show chair.

She also is in charge of the Potato Festival every year in October which puts on an excellent Flower Show.

Vickie graduated with a BS in Horticulture and is always willing to give a program to any of our clubs.

Vickie's programs are the Best!





## Members of Distinction cont.

### *Mt. Hood District, Naomi Frisbie*

Odell Garden Club's Norma Frisbie became a member in 1983 and served as President from 1989-93. She is a state and national life member.

She has always had a chairmanship in the County Fair and Fall Flower Shows, often winning blue ribbons on her massive 3' or higher designs which are a highlight of the fair.

She is always ready and willing to participate in any project that we have. She has given floral table design instructions.

She raises a huge dahlia bed and other flowers and fruit that she shares. Many times she shows up to garden club with bouquets and fruit in season.

She helped plant the garden around the floral building, made bouquets for the Hood River Museum, helped with arrangements for weddings, funerals, Hood River Care Center and the Rocky Mountain Elk Fundraiser.

We hope that when we are 96 we will be as active as she is!!!

### *Multnomah District, Carol Moore*

Multnomah District's Member of Distinction is Carol Moore a 50-year member of Garden Club. She not only has served her Petal Pushers Club in every office and most chairmanships, worked on plant sales and most every other project, she has been busy in District and State.

She is a Past District Director taking a 3-year term when the previous Director was unable to complete her term. She has worked as Ways and Means, Chaplain, Assistant Director, Circulation Editor and other positions in the District.

In State she has been many chairpersons over the years and State Chaplain. Currently she is one of the Time Keepers taking over after Shirley Marchion died last year.

She is always willing to help in any capacity. You only have to ask and give her a deadline.



### *Pacific District, Carol Newgard*

Carol joined Ocean Spray Garden Club in 1983, later serving as President. She went on to be District Director for several terms and still served as Assistant District Director until her passing earlier this year.

She worked to promote the Community Garden here and took harvests of lettuce and other greens to the food bank all summer.

Carol belonged to Ocean Spray, and also the Depoe Bay Garden Clubs. She also joined our Pacific Coast Arrangers group.

Always active, involved and willing to share her wide knowledge and experience, she is deserving of this special award.

More members of Distinction in  
the next issue

## Committee Reports

**Arboreal**

*Kathy Lombardo, Chair*

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Kathy Lombardo won the prestigious Horticulture Award in June  
At the Convention in Ashland!



Congratulations Kathy!



Kathy Lombardo's 8ft. tall Himalayan lily in her Forest.

## Awards

*Karen Varty, Chair*

### 40 Large Certificates

- 17 Certificates of Appreciation (including Fred Meyer)
- 12 Members of Distinction
- 8 Major Awards for Convention
- 3 Presidential Citations

### 123 Small Certificates

- 51 Photo Contest
- 38 Youth
- 28 Yearbooks and Newsletters
- 6 Membership increase

Total for year (July 2016-June 2017) 163; (141 last year)

I have had lots of fun these past five years as your State Awards Chairman. Truly-it is a happy job! Now it is time for someone else to take over.

*Thank you, Karen for all the beautiful awards you made over the years! Every one of them was a piece of art and very much appreciated!*





## Backyard Habitat

*Joan Foley, Chair*



These past 2 years the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and District Directors were provided information they could take home to share with their clubs about things that are happening, or could be happening, in their own backyard. Although my role was more of a “How To,” it was a start with the hopes of stimulating interest, enthusiasm, and excitement for this cause. It is imperative that you remain committed to the pollinators and pollinator habitat, beginning within the boundaries of your own surroundings. I want to thank Becky Hassebroek, the National Chairman, and Shirley Schmidt for their passion towards this project. These are some of the highlights we have covered.

- How to Certify Your Backyard through the National Wildlife Association.
- How to join the Million Pollinator Challenge and register your backyard.
- Information about creating a Monarch Way Station.
- The importance of Milkweed for the Monarch Butterflies.
- How to navigate the National Garden Clubs website to find the links for these programs: Remember you did this with our eyes shut?
- We discussed the importance of bees and the reduction of pesticides. We were given information about neonicotinoids, (Knee, OH, NIC, IH, TIN, OIDS), a chemical which has been found harmful to pollinators, especially the bees.
- Our vocabulary was enriched by the term, “Colony Collapse Disorder.”
- We shared what flowers in our gardens attracted the most pollinators. I think lavender was the most popular within this group.
- We spoke about the S.H.A.R.E. program (Saving Habitat Areas Reserved for the Environment.)
- We were given thousands of wildflower seeds to spread coast to coast throughout Oregon.
- Many, many more.

It is my joy that you continue to educate those around you, and to stimulate young minds, to be the protectors of our environment. It's our legacy. It's our very own commitment to BEE a Wildlife Action Hero.



OSFGC currently has 79 Blue Star Markers, 31 Highway Markers, 33 Memorial Markers, and 15 By-Way Markers. We have dedicated 2 Markers within the past year; #78 was in Fairview last September and shared its cost and planning with Clackamas, Multnomah, Pioneer, and Portland Districts, #79 was dedicated this past Memorial Day in Cornelius by Pioneer District. In August 2016, Rogue District relocated and rededicated its Marker in Bandon.

Much is happening. Lincoln City will rededicate its refurbished Marker at the D River Wayside on June 21. Santiam will dedicate #80 in Lebanon on July 20. Their special guest will be National Chairman, Andrea Little. Siskiyou will dedicate #81 on September 21. New Markers are planned for Camp Withycomb and Hillsboro. The Washburn Marker in Monroe is being relocated and refurbished. More on that when we have final information. Every District should have one person designated as the go-to when there are questions, thus relieving the Director of one more thing. A huge thanks to all who have responded and sent pictures. Pictures are better than e-mail, although that works. With the picture, please identify the marker and repeat any information you have on it.

I look forward to working with you as you plan your Blue Star Marker journey. We are all learning.



**Santiam District**

Invites you to our Summer Event

**“Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication”**

*(Marker Sponsored by the Lebanon Garden Club)*



**Place**

Edward C. Allworth Veteran's Home

600 N 5th St, Lebanon, OR



**Date & Time**

Thursday, July 20, 2017, 10:00 A.M.



**Special guest**

Andrea Little

National Blue Star & Gold Star Families

Memorial Marker Chairman



Join us for a tour of the Veteran's Home  
as well as their vegetable & rose gardens.

**“No Host Lunch afterwards at the Veteran's Home Canteen”**

*(Due to a small venue, we ask that you order ahead for your lunch. Info to follow.)*

*There is limited parking at the Facility but you may park at school next door.*

**Please RSVP**

## Book of Friendship

*Carolyn Elsten and Linda Shamp, Co-Chairs*

The Book of Friendship, which helps raise funds for the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund, and helps us honor those folks who are especially helpful, useful, and important in keeping our Garden Clubs running, has sent out 46 certificates this year. Linda and I have enjoyed making the certificates and reading the many wonderful kind things you have to say about each other.

The Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund is a very worthwhile place to put funds by honoring these hardworking people. We hope many more of you will consider using Book of Friendship Certificates as a 'thank you' to honor your special people. The minimum fee is only \$10.00 and we think it is a bargain for the goodwill it brings.

We would also like to mention the e-birthday cards that we sent to many of you. If we had your birthday information we sent one to you. This was a fun thing to do as an extension of friendship, which was President Shirley Schmidt's focus. The sweet Jacquie Lawson cards are delightful and we hope you enjoyed them. We did get many lovely thank you notes back. Garden Clubbers are wonderful.

Thank you for the privilege of working for OSFGC in this way.







Friends







Birdhouses at Convention



## County Fairs

*Joan Cooper, Chair*

## Judging Vegetables in California

Joan Cooper and Linda Stokes judged floral and horticulture at the County Fair, in Crescent City, CA. The children's 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade floral designs included a variety of vegetables, and fruits together in one design. Examples were string beans with a flower held together by a piece of saran wrap, or grapes with dandelions.

Senior vegetable judging included lettuce (no blemishes), cabbage, grapes, squash, pumpkins, avocados, and citrus. We were looking for quality, cleanliness and to be named correctly. Some oriental leafed vegetables, such as asparagus were entered. I had to look up the classifications because I wasn't familiar with these varieties. The asparagus was purple. This was very interesting!

Adult floral designs were judged by Medford Garden Club.

## Life Membership

*Jenny Dahrens, Chair*

There are three types of Life Memberships.

National Life: Submit a short resume, name, address and a picture to NGC, Inc. The cost of this membership is \$200. Applications are on [www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org).

Pacific Region Life: Send name and address of recipient along with a check in the amount of \$40 payable to Pacific Region. Funds help support Pacific Region Scholarships. Application at [www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org)

Then we have OSFGC Life Memberships. Submit the application listing name, address, club and district with a check in the amount of \$55.00. These funds support the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund. Applications at our website, [oregongardenclubs.org](http://oregongardenclubs.org).

This is the highest honor a member can receive. What a nice way to give recognition for a job well done to a Past President, Committee Member or anyone who has contributed time and effort to your club. A Life Membership may be given by a club, district, friend, relative or you may purchase your own.



July 2016 - June 2017

Dena Williams	July 2016	Santiam District
Sylvia Wood	July 2016	Santiam District
Catherine Taylor	August 2016	Willamette District
Bev Nevins	March 2017	Klamath District
Lou Nally	March 2017	Siskiyou District
Stan Chiotti	April 2017	Pioneer District
Michael Stewart	May 2017	Pioneer District
Jimmie Whitman	May 2017	Siskiyou District
Evelyn Holmbeck	May 2017	Siskiyou District



*Thanks to everyone who took time at the  
Convention to let me know I was missed.*

*I missed all of you too!*

*I look forward to seeing you next time.*

*Bertha Keith*



## Natures Garden

*Sharon Wilson, Chair*

This is the second year of "Natures Garden". This is a program offering Districts, Clubs or individuals the ability to make funds for a District or Club project or themselves. They rent a 5' X 5' space for \$35.00. This goes to the State, the balance of the moneys generated by their sales goes to them. This year, as last, we have three renters for a total of \$105.00 for the State. Last year, renters made an average of \$300.00 for their projects.



## Gardens of Enchantment

*Jane Sercombe, Chair*

Our planting day was postponed until May 17 at the Gardens of Enchantment in Sandy. The rainy days and stormy weather kept us indoors for three weeks longer than last year. But after one spring morning with thirty members planting, all was done and the flowers are on their way to full beauty.

If you came to the Fall Board Meeting at Hull Park in 2015, you remember the rustic charm of the Rainbow Lodge, the home cooked meals, the serenity and peace of the gardens and the fields, and Mt. Hood – right there. When you need a retreat, come up to Hull Park. A family reunion, a getaway with your friends, your group ..... come for a visit and stay for the weekend.

Yes, the park is designed to help those with low vision or no vision. Now Hull Park has the occasional wedding in the gazebo and musical rehearsals in the lodge; branching out to more groups will generate a year-round income.





## Penny Pines

*Karen Brown, Chair*

Our project, Penny Pines for Oregon, began in June of 2009. It was intended to be a one term project, ending with the beginning of the new term in 2011, however, the project proved to be so well accepted that we have continued to this day. One third of our member clubs contributed this year.

Since its inception, our clubs and members have donated a grand total of \$23,000.00 and change. This is enough for 338 plantations of approximately an acre each. It would take us all day to walk around the area if all of the plantings were done in the same place.

This year alone, enough donations have been received for 48 plantations, which would make a nice hike by itself.

Penny Pines is a National Garden Clubs' cooperative project with the US Forest Service, with the promise to reforest weather- or disease-damaged National Forest lands, approximately an acre for each \$68.00 donated. That represents the cost of seedlings for that space. Varieties are chosen that are appropriate for the area, and plantings are done by the Forest Service, along with other planting projects, so don't expect immediate results.

As you may know by now, if you send donations in \$68.00 increments, you may honor or memorialize someone special, and you can select the National Forest of your choice. Use the form found on the OSFGC website [oregongardenclubs.org](http://oregongardenclubs.org) to send with your donations.

Thank you to all who participate in Penny Pines for Oregon.



## Penny Pines Honor Roll

2016-2017

\$68 Plantation donations made  
by:

Beaverton GC

Bloomer Girls

Columbian GC

Coos Bay GC

Depoe Bay GC

Grow and Show 2

Happy Valley GC

Illinois Valley GC

Jacksonville GC

Karen Brown

Klamath District

Lake Grove GC 2

McMinnville GC 2 (June, 2016)

Northside GC

Oak Lodge GC

Ocean Spray GC

Odell GC

Rainier GC 2

Ramblin' Rows

Salmon River GC

Siskiyou District

St. Helens GC 2

Sunny Hills GC 2

Sunset GC 2

Tigard GC 4

West Linn GC

Partial donations by:

Depoe Bay

Eastmoreland Heights

Multnomah

Grand Prairie

Portland District

Milwaukie

Willamette District

*Thanks to everyone who  
contributes even one penny!*



**Job Opening!** This is the last year that Bruna is doing the Ads for the State Directory.

Anyone interested in taking over this job should contact Bruna, as she would like to train someone. The person should have some computer knowledge and be detail oriented.

Thank you so much Bruna for the many years of keeping the advertising in order to support the Directory! We really appreciate your dedication!

### **Wildflowers and Legislation**

*Lynn Chiotti, Chair*

*chiotti1@gmail.com*

Excitement sometimes takes a while to build, but we are getting good response this year from our cooperative efforts with The Department of Transportation – Highway Maintenance Section. Thanks to the efforts of several key people, namely Will Lackey, Mark Buffington, Shelley Snow, Bob Marshall and Director Matt Garrett, we are seeing last year's planting along with this year's, sprouting and thriving. Weather does make a huge difference. Mark Buffington of District 2 and his staff in the NW corner of Oregon working with Marcia Kay Whitelock and North Coast District has created raised planting beds at the end of the Lewis and Clark Bridge in Astoria. Planted just a few short weeks ago, the seeds are already up.

In Columbia County, seeds planted last year at the Veteran's Park in Columbia City flowered in time for Memorial Day and were fantastic. We will soon plant the new perennials and next year an even better show will occur. Funny what a little bit of rain (haha) will do. The seeds at the billboard in St. Helens are just starting to re-flower. And last Thursday we scattered the perennial seeds for later color.

I hope other Districts have found success as well.

Now the next phase of the project begins with planning for the naming of the Oregon Trillium as the State Wildflower. Over this summer, we hope to meet with some key Legislators to get them to co-sponsor the Legislative Concept for the 2018 Legislative Session. I have a call in to Senator Betsy Johnson and should hear back from her soon. The Transportation Commission in April gave us their blessing to pursue the naming of the Trillium. That is just step one. We will keep you informed of what all our members will need to do to get this to happen. It will take letters to our legislators and the Governor to make this happen. It will also mean attending hearings in Salem during the session. This is not a difficult process, but takes manpower and that is where your Districts and Clubs play a major role.

More information to come.



## Youth

*Carolyn Olley, Chair*

Two years have passed! During that time, Oregon has had scholarship winners, Poetry Contest winners, Essay Contest winners, Smokey Bear Poster Contest winners, Youth Sculpture Contest winners, and more.

Members and Clubs have supported environmental education by buying and giving Frog Books to relatives, schools, and libraries. They have participated in community-wide events involving children, have helped students plant gardens at schools, and have engaged our youth in so many other ways.

Lucky Oregon children, teachers, and parents!

I would like to extend my thanks to all members, Clubs, and Districts for supporting Oregon's youth. How you did it isn't as important as *that you did it*...you are all taking our pledge "...to promote education" so our youth can also "...become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land & wildlife" very seriously.

You make me proud to be a part of OSFGC.



We need more Garden Clubs to sponsor the 2018 - 2019 Youth Contests

Youth Poetry Contest Themes:

2018 - "Let it Grow"

2019 - "Pop Goes the Seed"

High School Essay Contest Themes:

2018 - Community Gardens - A Solution to Blight, Crime and Hunger

2019 - Impact of Bottled Water on the Environment and the Water Supply

Deadlines are December 1, 2017 and December 1, 2018

Check your Directory for more information.

## World Gardening

*Carolyn Olley, Chair 2015-2017*

*"Fill the Cup – Fulfill a Dream"*

May I extend a sincere "Thank You" to all of our members, clubs, districts, and donors who contributed to this project. What will these funds provide? They will buy food to feed hungry school children. We all know that children do not do well in school when they are hungry.

Because of your generosity, the fund has acquired a total of \$2,698.09. That amounts to 149.8% of President Shirley's goal of \$1,800.

*You will make a difference in a hungry child's life...thank you.*



## Reports from Districts and Clubs

### Blue Mountain District

*Bertha Keith, Director 2015-2017*

The four clubs in Blue Mountain District are busy as always with club meetings and community projects.

Condon Garden Club has a "Mini Park" in down-town Condon that they have created in a vacant lot between two buildings. They plant and maintain it and decorate it for the seasons such as Halloween and Christmas. In the summer they sell plants and produce at the Saturday Market. At Christmas time they go to an assisted living home and help residents plant amaryllis. Their spring meeting is held at the home of a member in the hills near Fossil. They travel there via a small city bus viewing many wild flowers along the way.

Milton-Freewater is a club of only 7 members but they stay very busy with yard of the month, planting at the grounds for the Junior Show and helping with judging various categories for the youth. They hold a spring and fall plant sale to raise monies for their projects. At our fall district meeting, which they hosted, a speaker told about the Community Improvement Project the city has been involved in and told how they helped with this project. They also maintain plantings at their Blue Star Marker.

Bloomer Girls and Umatilla Garden Club spent the year working on a merger of the two clubs into one. Five members are already members of both clubs, so several meetings were combined-meetings of the two clubs where this was the topic of discussion. At Christmas time, Bloomer Girls met at an Assisted-living home and helped members assemble "mini" Christmas arrangements in cups for their rooms. Umatilla Garden Club made Christmas arrangements using fresh greens from their yards at their December meeting. The two clubs combined in May to hold a plant sale with proceeds going to a community project.

The Spring District meeting was on Earth day. The theme was "Every Day is Earth Day". Our Director gave a program on the history of Earth Day and pointed out the many ways that Earth Day and our Conservation Pledge go hand in hand, stressing how our State, Regional and National projects always help us carry out the objectives of our Pledge to care for our planet.

### Capital District

*Sally Weathers, Director*

This has been a very quiet year for the district, with just the usual meetings, treats, raffles, and such. **The \$1000 scholarship went out to the Chemeketa Community College horticultural student in Salem.** We had a Christmas dinner get together and the other meetings had speakers about bees, insect damage prevention, and other similar topics. Wilark Park Club had a Christmas cookie exchange.

Dallas Club did similar things.

I did have a District potluck May 28th at our home and was blessed to have Shirley and Doug Schmidt there along with Gaye and Mike Stewart representing the Dallas Club. We only had 16 people as it was Memorial Day weekend so we had some competition. We had a good time with great food and a raffle but as far as the purpose of having the 55-60 members of the district meet, it was not much of a success. This director won't be doing a district meeting for this year or the future again as it is too much for the old bod, and so I am still looking for a replacement. Any suggestions????





## Clackamas District

*Jane Sercombe, Director 2015-2017*

Clackamas District began this past year with the winner of the Suzy Twist-Powell Designer of the Year award, Diantha Knott, and we are closing out the year with two more winners, Karah Rhoades, a seventh grade student who composed an awesome poem, and Grace Converse who wrote a high school essay on Mason Bees.

Even before a certain person was telling us, "Do Something Different", I took a new approach to my Director term and at our luncheons, I interviewed all the former Clackamas District Directors. There were twelve, and many of our new members had no idea who these ladies were.

I began with Shirley Dyal, Director from 1979-1981 and ended with Darby Walker, 2013-2015. The luncheon programs were charged up, and a new way of approaching fundraisers worked well. We increased our coffers by selling garden art stakes and nature t-shirts, with no work involved!

Our clubs rallied to President Shirley's call to "Share the Bounty" and to date, donated 62,615 pounds to local food pantries. Fill the Cup was also fulfilled by our clubs.

The Gardens of Enchantment at Hull Park are planted and growing and awaiting the visitors who ooh and aah at the touch, the smell, and the sight of our little piece of paradise. In particular, we have included more plants for pollinators.

Clackamas has had an awesome year and I have had a wonderful term as District Director. Thanks, everyone.



## Klamath District

*Tanja Swanson, Director 2009-2017*

We won the Walter and Marian Allen District Membership award at last year's convention. The most embarrassing thing happened when I got home and got an e-mail that our biggest club resigned...

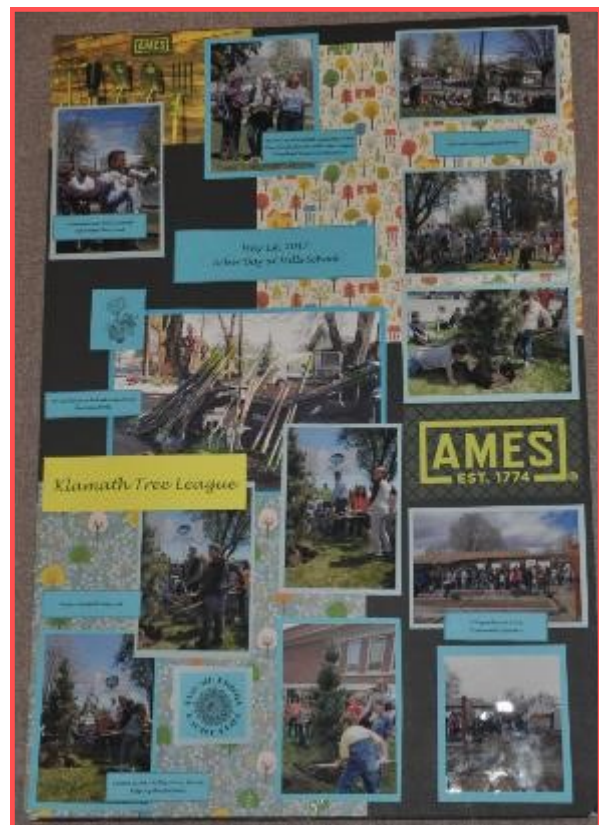
We are very happy with the four clubs we have right now. **Bly**, our newest club, is thriving under the competent leadership of their President. They do all kinds of fun, interesting and innovative programs. **Evening Primrose** is small but very valuable to our District. **Northside** is the oldest and the largest club. They welcomed three very enthusiastic new members. The **Klamath Tree League** has been around for more than 20 years, but just joined our District three years ago.

The **Klamath Tree League** does an Arbor Day event every year at a different school. So last year I encouraged them to apply for some **AMES tools**. (They are free through an application process you can find on the NGC website.) It took many months of reminding them, but finally in March they had a list ready. I was thinking just some new shovels for the kids... but it was a very long list.... I made a note on the side saying any of these tools would be very much appreciated. Well, a few weeks later the Tree League received boxes and boxes of tools. Shovels in all sizes, rakes, weeders and two wheelbarrows!! Very amazing! Especially if you realize the AMES Company only gives \$5,000.00 of free tools per year to all the Garden Clubs in the USA. The Tree League must have gotten half of that!

The tools are very much appreciated and will be used in all the different Tree League projects and I think the rest of the District and other youth groups will be able to use them also. The Tree League used them on May first at their Annual Arbor Day event. That was the highlight of our year!

I thank my District for eight years of tremendous support. My members were such good sports, they always came through for me and my challenging ideas! They **all** deserve golden screwdrivers!

Klamath District is small, but we move mountains and have fun doing it. Lavon Ostrick and Jaye Weiss are going to be the new Co-Directors of Klamath District. They will do an excellent job together!





## Mt. Hood District

*Diana Caryl, Director 2015-2017*

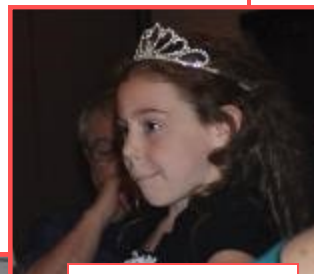
Let me tell you about two areas of focus for the Mt. Hood District this last year... Youth Gardening and Blue Star Markers.

Dufur Valley has their greenhouse up and running at the school... They have also created raised beds and are in the process of planting veggies, berries, etc. Members work with the kids often to develop those green "thumbs".

Maupin Dig & Hoe is involved in their local pre-K class called "little learners" and will donate money so they can have small gardening gloves, pots, seed packets and trowels for each child to experience gardening first hand.

Mt. Hood has eight Blue Star Markers in the District... Two of them were in need of more T.L.C. The marker at the Veteran's Home in the Dalles recently received an upgrade... A star was created at the base of the marker with blue and white rocks and red tulips... Funds were donated by the District. Madras had a marker that was forgotten by the roadside when the highway was moved. Currently plans are underway to move the marker either to City Hall or to Veteran's Memorial Park by the airport... We are waiting for the local Veteran's group to make a decision as to where it should be located. Soon Marker #9 will appear in our District, in the Parkdale Memorial Gardens.

County Fairs, Maupin Daze, Dufur's 70th Birthday, picnics, teas and an ice cream social give us a chance to socialize, become friends and get dressed up once in a while!



Alexandria Olson,  
Phyllis' grand-  
daughter and her  
big helper!



Member of Honor Award



Phyllis Olson is a member that should be cloned for every club in every state.

Her community involvement, horticultural knowledge, floral design expertise and

ENTHUSIASM for garden club can be surpassed by NO ONE!

We are proud to give this award to this excellent member.





## Pioneer District

*Stan Chiotti, Director 2013-2017*

These past four years have been an outstanding experience. Three Counties, 16 Garden Clubs, and 680 members will keep you humble. Whether you are a glass half empty or a glass half full type of person, a few facts. After 64 years, I am the first man to run Pioneer District. This makes me either the BEST or the WORST guy at this job.

You are the greatest District. Over \$10,000 goes to District, State and Local scholarship programs.

I am extremely proud of all who worked at School and Community Gardens. Your generosity towards "Share the Bounty" has produced the equivalent of 120,000 pounds in food to Shirley's Project.

**You deserve a BIG round of applause.**

You have participated in numerous community projects and of course are caring for our pollinators by planting wildflowers.

Thank you again for all your help and support.

**Stan Chiotti, out-going Pioneer District Director, was presented with an Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs Life Membership.**

At Pioneer Districts Spring General Meeting and Luncheon, Stan Chiotti, outgoing Pioneer District Director, was presented with a Life Membership of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Stan served 2 years as acting Director and then accepted another two years as District Director. Stan has worked diligently with care and respect for all who worked with him.

**Congratulations, Stan!**



Flower sculptures  
by Aleta Dimick



## Rogue District

*Cheryl Drumheller, Director 2017-2019*

As the recently installed Rogue District Director, I am proud to be associated with the five south coast garden clubs: Coos Bay, Coquille Valley, Hinsdale Garden, Sunset and Innominata. We continue to "Nurture Nature" through education and "Nurture Friendships" through club and community involvement.

Through education we've learned how to grow and care for rhododendrons, azaleas, orchids, native plants, indoor terrariums and miniature gardens. Through club involvement we nurture one another during monthly meetings, conferences, conventions, fundraisers, and events that make our garden clubs unique. We celebrate birthdays, special occasions, and even work parties.

We also pay tribute to the Armed Forces of America by keeping the Blue Star Memorial By-Way markers in a presentable appearance and through rededications.

I look forward to seeing what the future holds for the Rogue District ... The possibilities are endless.



## Willamette District

*Sharon Wilson, Director 2015-2017*

Each Club participates in their communities by planting in public places, Garden Therapy and planning interesting programs that the communities are invited to attend.

**Eugene Garden Club** started a "Veggie Growers Group" and invited the public to it. Also Eugene Garden Club will host a flower show on October 7th and 8th, and this will be at the River Road Park Building in Eugene. All are invited.





## In Memoriam

Carol Newgard May 15, 1934 – April 3, 2017

Carol was a dedicated member of Ocean Spray Garden Club and Pacific District for over 25 years, serving as President and District Director for several terms each. Carol was chosen this year as the Member of Distinction for Pacific District. Sadly she passed away before she had been told.

Her career was as an elementary school teacher, and her lifelong interests were science, environment and travel. She was a talented floral designer, participating every year in the Lincoln City Flower Show with beautiful designs. She also enjoyed gardening, and kept a plot in the community garden in Lincoln City to donate vegetables to the Food Pantry. Carol never missed an OSFGC meeting or Convention if she could help it, and loved to visit and make new friends wherever she went. She is certainly missed.



## Book of Remembrance 2015-2017

**OSFGC State Presidents**  
**Jan Iseli Betty Stanaland**

Pat Baker

Marianne McMahon

Jo Billings

Connie Miller

Florine Bryant

Carol Newgard

Bob Cooper

Richard Ojala

Marvin Dorgan

Carolyn Jean Punteney

Jean Fisher

Earl Ramsey

Geradine Gabriel

Bernice Regier

Margaret Gehrig

Sam Roller

Bob Gilcher

Carol Russell

Gwenn Gregg

Harvey Sample

Doris I. Hodgson

Patricia Stipe

Cheryl Hopkins

Suzy Twist-Powell

Erin Lorelle Johnson

Pearl Virgin

Walter Kaszuba

Ken Weiman

Robert McClung

Karon Yaden

Don McDonald





## Book of Remembrance

*Sylvia Ketch, Chair*

My two year term as Book of Remembrance chairman has been a great experience for me. This year, BOR received 46 contributions for the 31 names on the attached list.

Throughout the year when donations were made, I sent a Letter of Appreciation to the donor and a Memorial Letter to the family and loved ones. In addition, President Shirley Schmidt asked me to conduct the 2016 Convention Memorial Service last year with Chaplain Bertha Keith assisting. Likewise, she asked me to be in charge of the Memorial Service again this year in Ashland.

Contributing to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund through the Book of Remembrance continues to be such an appropriate way to pay tribute and honor to our Garden Club members or other friends or family who have passed away. I received 3 notes of appreciation from family members thanking us for their loved ones being honored by fellow garden club friends:

"Thank you Sylvia for your kind note. It warms our hearts to learn of the contribution of remembrance to honor our mother, Shirley Marchion."

"The family of Margaret Gehrig would like to thank you for your thoughtful acknowledgement of our mother. Mom loved flowers."

"Thank you for the Book of Remembrance and your nice letter. Don was the reason I was able to do so much for garden clubs." Your garden friend, Leona McDonald

Please, District Directors and Club Presidents, have a few copies of the Book of Remembrance Form with you at every meeting, making it easier for everyone to participate. The new chairman will be Peggy Trees. Right away, look for the updated form with the new contact information under [www.oregongardenclubs.org/forms](http://www.oregongardenclubs.org/forms).

It has been my honor to have worked with such great people in this great OSFGC organization these past two years! I have a much deeper appreciation for the far-reaching value of OSFGC!



## Pacific Region News

We missed you at our own convention, but we know you are spreading your wings all over our region.  
All of Oregon is wishing you a excellent productive term!



2017-2019  
*Spreading Your Butterfly*  
*Wings to Fly:*  
*Sharing your Knowledge*  
*of Gardening*

Our own Peggy Olin was installed as the Pacific Region Director at the Seattle Pacific Region Convention in April.



Pacific Region Members  
Washington, Arizona, California, Oregon, Nevada, Idaho, Alaska, Hawaii.  
"Waconiah"

## News from National Garden Clubs

Did you meet our new National President at the OSFGC convention? Nancy Hargroves is delightful!

Her theme is



We will hear a lot about that in the coming years!



National Garden Clubs  
President 2017-2019 : Nancy Hargroves

## NGC Poetry Contest

### 2017-2018 Theme: "Let it Grow"

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

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

#### Dates for Submission:

**January 1** – Club entries due to State Chairman, Sandra Rassi

**February 1** – State winners due to Regional Chairman,

Shirley Schmidt

1630 Williams Hwy., #145

Grants Pass, OR. 97527

#### Contest Rules

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

#### Scale of Points

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

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



## **“Save the Date”**

### **Fall OSFGC Board Meeting “Celebrate the Harvest” October 8-9, 2017**

**Come join us in Dallas, Oregon  
Mike & Gaye Stewart’s Hometown**

**Sunday, October 8, 1:30 p.m. Tour our Garden  
and the adjacent Ceres Gleann Community Garden  
761 SE Lynchet Lane**

**3:00 p.m. Enjoy 2 Workshops – “Decorating with Pumpkins” and a Surprise  
At the Evangelical Bible Church  
1175 SE Howe Street**

**5:30 p.m. Dinner at Murphy’s Grill  
No Host, Order from the Menu with Separate Checks  
288 Ellendale Avenue**

**Lodging at Best Western Dallas Inn  
250 Orchard Drive  
\$110 + tax**

**Reservations: 503.623.6000  
Rooms Held Under: OSFGC Board Meeting  
Most rooms have 2 Queen beds  
Continental Breakfast included**

**Monday, October 9, 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
Hosted by Capitol District, Sally Weathers, Director  
and the Dallas Garden Club  
At the Church**

**A Registration form will be emailed to Board Members**



## Calendar of Events

NGC Fall Board Meeting: September 12-16, 2017 St. Louis, Missouri.

OSFGC Fall Board Meeting: October 8-9, 2017 Dallas, OR Capitol District

OSFGC Spring Board Meeting: March 4-5, 2018 Willamette District

Pacific Region Convention: April 6-8, 2018 Chena Hot Springs, Alaska.

National Convention: May 21-24, 2018 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

OSFGC 91st Annual Convention: June 10-13, 2018 Boulder Falls Inn, Lebanon

OSFGC Fall Board Meeting: October 7-8, 2018 Pacific District

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

OSFGC 92nd Annual Convention: June 9-12, 2019 Klamath Falls

Fred Meyer Community Rewards – OSFGC #91407.  
Simply log on to the website: [www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com),  
look for “Community Rewards” in the left column,  
sign in with your e-mail address, and create a password.

**National Parks Free Entrance Days**  
August 25: National Park Service Birthday  
September 30: National Public Lands Day  
November 11-12: Veterans Day Weekend



*Forget-Me-Not*

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Mahonia: Send your \$10.00 check  
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Nita Wood, 5210 River Rd. N., Apt. 2013  
Keizer, OR. 97303*

Send message to: [mahonia.editor@gmail.com](mailto:mahonia.editor@gmail.com)

## Mahonia

For the past two years I have been your Mahonia editor. Darby Walker has done a great job distributing the newsletter.

Thank you all for all the articles and photos you have sent me. The Mahonia wouldn't be the same without all your help. And thanks to all your fun contributions the Mahonia was awarded first place in the Pacific Region for Newsletters.

During the next term I will still put together the colorful Mahonia with all the pictures and graphics. To help with printing for members who do not have access to a computer I will also do a condensed edition of the Mahonia without pictures and extra fluff and convert it to black and white. Darby will e-mail both editions to **District Directors** who are asked to forward them to their **Club Presidents** who again are asked to forward it to all their **members** and print off the black and white one for those without computers.

And we'll try to come out more frequently with shorter versions of the Mahonia because we won't send the printed Mahonia by mail anymore as we never got enough subscriptions to cover the cost of printing and mailing.

It has been fun working on the Mahonia. I get to see the many projects you all are working on and really get a feeling of what is going on in our State.

Please keep sending me pictures throughout the year with short explanations, because I will also put the pictures on our Facebook page, mostly as soon as I get them.

[tanjandy@gmail.com](mailto:tanjandy@gmail.com)

If you weren't at this convention I hope this issue inspires you to join in the fun next year in Lebanon!

**Thank you Sharon Conklin** for all the great convention pictures. There are a lot more pictures some of which I will put in the next Mahonia. If you didn't see your contribution in this edition, please send it to me for the August edition as soon as possible.

*Tanja Swanson, Mahonia Editor 2015-2019*

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The newly installed District Directors