

# *The Mahonia*

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## Powering our Pollinators

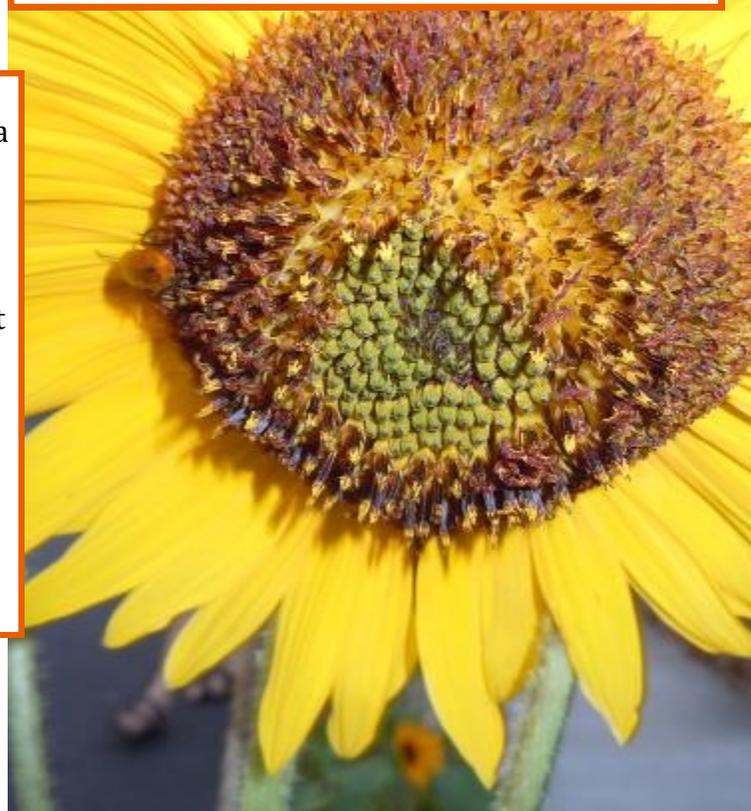
### Tips for making our gardens safer for pollinators and beneficial insects

Submitted by Nicole Sanchez



Native Rabbitbrush, from the genus *Chrysothamnus*, is one of the latest-blooming plants in desert areas of our state. In late fall, many species of bees can be found on this plant, gathering their last food of the season when all the other flowers have succumbed to frost.

Old-fashioned sunflowers serve as a food source for a variety of beneficial insects, including many kinds of bees. Predatory insects like Big-eyed bugs, as well as wasps, use the proteins and oils in developing sunflower seeds as an alternate food source when pest insect populations are low. In addition to looking great and providing a huge impact of color in the garden, sunflowers are a buffet for pollinating friends. All that feeding takes place without detriment to the flower and plant. Remember to include older, pollen-producing varieties for the insects as well as fashionable low-pollen types for flower show and design use.



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## From the President's Desk

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

### "Plant a Seed, Reap a Harvest"

Dear Oregon Garden Club Friends,

WE DID IT! The Fall Garden Fair at The Oregon Garden was a stupendous success! Representatives from all areas of Oregon brought beautiful floral designs for the superb Standard Flower Show which filled the large Oregon Nursery Association room with stunning designs – all of which were professionally judged.

Flowers and plant specimens for the floriculture and horticulture display covered over 48' of table space clearly representing the diversity of plants grown throughout Oregon. Numerous state work committees had attractive booths showcasing their goals and specific projects which lined the large Pavilion hall. Some 14 plant- and garden-related item vendors were available for sale on the opposing wall of the large hall. A "Give and Take" plant book table interested many of our club members and guests, with loads of selections from which to choose.

The live beehive was a huge hit with children and adults. The queen bee was marked with a pink dot that we could occasionally see through the glass wall of the hive. The Children's Workshops were featured in The Children's Garden and were enjoyed by both children and adults as they created potato prints, painted rocks of bees, frogs or ladybugs, and listened to wonderful story times. Dress-up clothing and photo ops were also a delightful treat.

The adults enjoyed 9 workshops over the two-day event which were mostly presented by our own skilled members. Two of the 9 sessions were presented by Dave Doolittle, horticulturist and co-owner (with his wife) of Petal Heads Nursery. The prize table was filled with beautiful and purposeful gifts to be presented each half hour, all of which were donated by generous business owners throughout the Willamette Valley.

I am so proud of the entire OSFGC organization and the support given to make this mega-event such a success! We wanted to unify the state-wide team with a public event to showcase the purposes we are passionate about in education, conservation, legislation, community service and improving Oregon for the present and the future. We did it!

Special thanks to Marcia Kay Whitelock and Peggy Olin for serving as Co-Chairmen of this event, and for carrying out major projects within the event! And bouquets to all of you who helped in the various activities and preparation for this event. Each person contributed something special to the success of the event! Thank you, all!

The surveys are still coming in to me. My favorite is one from an 11 year old who shared her thoughts: The question: "Since this was our first experience with the OSFGC presentation of the "Fall Garden Fair" what suggestions do you wish to offer?"

Her answer: "If not both days, I think The Oregon Garden should plan an attraction to entice the surrounding community of families with children a reason to attend. Start with an overall Tram ride and return to the Children's Garden. The OSFGC Clubs had lots of activities planned."

Question: "Would you like to see this statewide event offered again next year?" Her response was, "Yes."

Other Comments? "I'd like to bring a friend to our Second Annual Fall Garden Fair!"

With Sincere Thanks,

Gaye Stewart  
OSFGC President 2017-2019



# FALL GARDEN FAIR

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 2018

At The Oregon Garden in Silverton



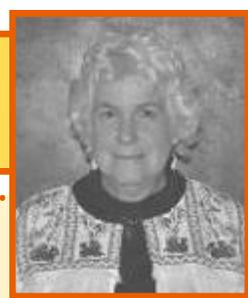
The Oregon Garden was the perfect venue to display the varied interests, accomplishments, and goals of gardeners all across the state. There was ample space for a large horticulture and floriculture display, a judged flower show, various workshops, vendors, membership information, recycling tips, Blue Star Marker information, children's activities, and a pitch to make the trillium the Oregon State wildflower!

Something for everyone!

Thanks to Gaye, the officers, and the legion of helpers who made this event happen.

Chris McClure, Portland District Director





**1st Vice-President**

*Tanja Swanson 541-883-8119 tanjandy@gmail.com*

## Membership



All of us who traveled through Oregon this fall, keeping in touch with everyone, were so fortunate. The colors were beautiful at the end of September during the Fall Garden Fair and what we saw riding home on the train last week was still amazing. I saw both the moon coming up high in the sky while the sun was setting in amber, orange and gold. Like Peggy Trees said at the Pioneer District Meeting: "Lots of memory pictures to keep in your head".

So many memories this Fall to hold on to. What an excellent show of our Garden Clubs at the Fall Garden Fair at the Oregon Garden in Silverton.

Members, as well as visitors, were so impressed!

Now let's convey this enthusiasm to all the members in your Clubs. I hope next time we put on a Fair like this many more members will be able to attend. Cece Delfs, Blue Mountain District Director brought 5 of her members along! Their District even helped pay for the trip! Something other Districts could think about.

We were busy at our Membership booth at the Fair. It was fun telling visitors about all the different aspects of Garden Club. It was an honor to represent our organization. Hopefully we will get some new members from this wonderful event.

In the future I suggest to make black and white flyers on colored paper. You want to print hundreds of them and color is very expensive. Many of you made and brought flyers to the Fall Garden Fair. Some of them beautiful colorful flyers. But each of your members should keep stacks of them at home and always have a few in their purse or at least in the car. So every time a member meets someone who is interested in Garden Club they have some contact information ready to hand out. Also at every meeting, program, and event you should have a good amount of flyers available. That is just good PR! We always need more members! Even if your club is "full", you can direct prospective members to another club in your area...

Tell everyone what a wonderful organization this is! Tell them that we are about a lot more than just flowers. Tell them about scholarships, beautification projects, gardens we take care of, Blue Star Markers, therapy, youth programs, pollinators, the conservation pledge and on and on...tell them that together we are creating a better world!



Thank you President Gaye for 'Planting that Seed and Reaping the Harvest!'

**Feedback Survey for OSFGC "Fall Garden Fair" held September 22-23 at The Oregon Garden.****1. What positive impressions did you have regarding the "Fall Garden Fair?"**

There were several positive impressions for me:

- The Horticulture and Floriculture displays were very lovely. It was an eye opener to see what items grew in different regions of Oregon. Several had commented they didn't know flowers were in abundance on the West coast (Coos Bay area).
- The floral arrangements were beautiful! Such talent and creative designs.
- I didn't attend any workshops, but I had heard several were well taught and interesting.
- I enjoyed seeing the Oregon Garden. I especially appreciated the Tram ride and the garden history given during the ride.
- The children's area was a delight to see and offered many crafts for the children. Even the adults were painting rocks.
- It was very convenient having the Oregon Garden Resort close to the Pavilion.
- I appreciated having the various vendors selling garden related items, the Membership table with visible information about the OSFGC, a raffle table, the bee hive exhibit and the valued information at other tables.
- The visitors, unaware of the OSFGC and what we do, were very impressed during the two-day event.

**2. Since this was our first experience with the OSFGC presentation of the "Fall Garden Fair" what suggestions do you wish to offer?**

- I appreciate we had so many volunteers from the various garden clubs. However, I'd like the OSFGC members to get more involved with the Fall Garden Fair. If there were six garden club members from the Coos Bay area, surely there can be more gardeners from Oregon statewide.
- I'd like the Fair to grow, with more vendor and information tables; enabling the gardener to learn.

**3. Would you like to see this statewide event offered again next year?**

- Yes. I believe it broadened the scope of gardening for many.

**4. Other comments?** Thank you, President Gaye and team for coordinating a wonderful event!

Cheryl Drumheller





Thank you to everyone for supporting  
“Hail to Thee, My Oregon - A Gardener’s Legacy”

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Standard Flower Show at The Oregon  
Garden on September 22 and 23, 2018.

There were twenty-five outstanding  
judged designs. Our designers were  
from as far south as Oakridge and  
Grants Pass; the I-5 corridor including  
Eugene, Salem, and the Metro Areas,  
and across I-84 to Dufur.

Sixty horticulture entries were judged and  
twenty-nine horticulture entries were  
for display only. The horticulture was from  
many areas in Oregon including the Blue  
Mountains.

There was a special Memorial Design  
honoring Michele Dewitz who served  
as our Portland Council President.

Our National Garden Clubs Judges were  
from Oregon and Washington.

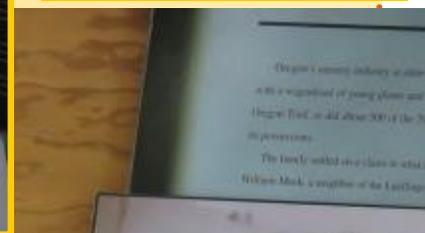
We want to express our sincere appreciation to  
everyone who visited the show. Our judges  
are available to assist with more information.

Sincerely, Marcia Kay Whitelock  
NGC Master Flower Show Judge  
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# "Hail to Thee, My Oregon - A Gardener's Legacy"

National Garden Clubs, Inc.  
Standard Flower Show at The Oregon  
Garden on September 22 and 23.



"Hail to Thee, My Oregon - A Gardener's Legacy"



“Hail to Thee, My Oregon - A Gardener’s Legacy”



Shirley Schmidt and her design



“Hail to Thee, My Oregon - A Gardener’s Legacy”



Petite Arrangements

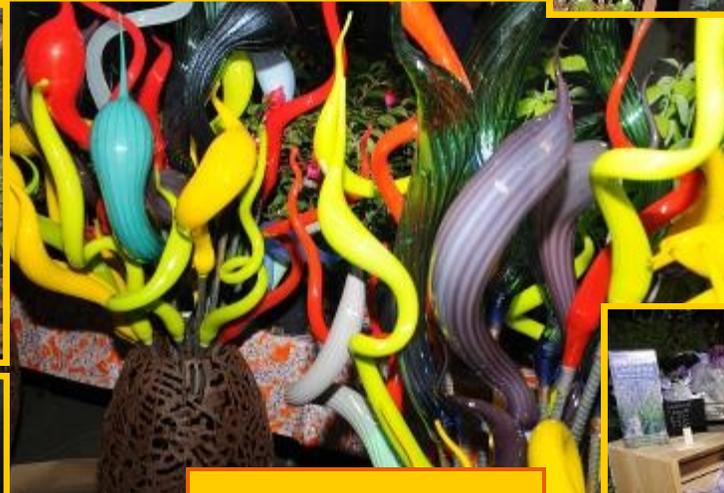


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Chris McClure



Vendors





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# Workshops



“Tool Care and Sharpening”  
Carl Heinke



“Growing and Preserving Herbs”  
Shelley Joyce



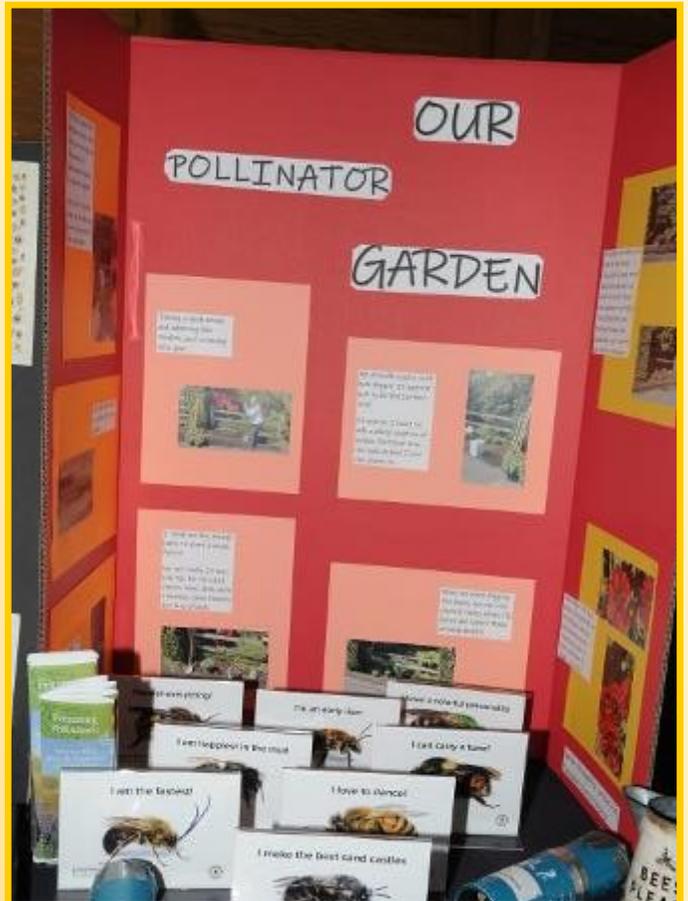
“Fall Container Planting”  
Sally Thompson



Nicole Sanchez



OSFGC President Gaye Stewart  
Tualatin Valley Garden Club President  
Jerry Maasdam  
and the Beehive



Nicole Sanchez





From the raffle table my view was of the gorgeous banner: "Oregon's Beauty". To look across and see all the flower stems and tree and shrub cuttings – a sight to behold. It was a mini-floral show, all by itself. So many different kinds of flowers and shrubs, all the different colors and textures, this was truly a lovely display of Oregon's Beauty.

The Flower Show was also spectacular. People were marveling at the flowers under water, reading the cards explaining the theme of particular arrangements, such as the mighty

Columbia River and the currents, the froth, the power and beauty of the water shown by the flowers and the container.

The design crescents were another highlight. Arranging the flowers just so to fit the container is certainly an art. People walked through the Flower Show not once, but several times, to see again this lovely floral tribute.

From my raffle table, Carol Adelman donating twenty peony divisions was a definite highlight. So many people wanted a chance at a peony that we made two raffles: One for a peony and one for fertilizer, mugs, hats, birdhouse, pots, and so forth. Winners chose their own gift, which made everybody happy.

Watching the bee hive in action was likewise a delight. We were all looking for the Queen, but she was tending to her duties and not in sight. At the next table was Nicole Sanchez with additional bee information, charts, and fliers.

All in all, things worked well, members were available to help, the visitors were impressed and even commenting that the food truck lunch was definitely tasty, as were the luncheon items at the restaurant. Smiles all around made a happy weekend at The Oregon Garden and the OSFGC Fall Garden Fair.

*Jane Sercombe, raffle prizes.*



If you missed the Fall Fair event at the Oregon Gardens you missed a wonderful event. I participated in activities for children. Peggy Olin was a wonderful chair for this small part of the Fall Fair. She had everything so well planned out and all the supplies close at hand. If you have never visited the Oregon Gardens you need to put it on your list of "Things and Places to Visit in Oregon". It is a wonderful place and if you love plants and gardening, please plan to spend a whole day there. The tram ride around the gardens gives you a true overview of the extent of this wonderful garden. Billy the tram driver gives out such wonderful information about the formation of the gardens and all the happenings there. As I said I was with Peggy Olin, Carolyn Olley, Sandra Rassi and many others in the Children's Garden. We had wonderful stories to read to the children and then an art project to do. The kids loved it all and many "kids at heart" also participated!!! I got to dress up and be the "Queen of the Garden Fairies" for the event and what could have been better than that! Had lots of costume pieces and kids and adults dressed up and took candid pictures in the Children's Garden. My only sadness was that the weather was not quite so good - but no control there and that the attendance of kids could have been more - but no control there either. All of us

who helped in the Children's Garden loved it and when we had down time we got to visit with other gardeners that we knew from state events but really never got to have just conversations with.

*Bernie Wood*





Nadine Holten and I, Peggy Trees, shared a room at The Oregon Gardens. We easily accessed the gardens after breakfast in the morning. We spend most of our time at the Children's Garden. We had a lot of helpers. And, many crafts related to kids and gardens. We had several stations set up with different activities at each station. The kids started at the rock table where they made lady bugs, bees, and frogs. They drew faces, dots, antennae and stripes. They glued on eyes and wings and, of course, took those home to put in their gardens. They each filled a container with dirt, added a little water, and planted succulents to take home. We had lots of coloring pictures to color, door hangers to design, masks to cut out, and puppets to make. Educational material were given as well. Sandra Rassi held story time. Bernie had a dress-up station. She and others dressed up themselves wandering the grounds to direct and advertise to kids and to send them our way.

My favorite part was just sitting with the kids listening to their conversations about ladybugs, frogs, bees, and their very own gardens at home. Nadine and I also enjoyed the vendors, flower designs and the horticulture that was displayed.

We had yummy foods and shopped parts of the town of Silverton. We found a store that sold Moonstruck Chocolates and had to indulge. One evening we went to the lounge and enjoyed the music. Another night we stayed up with other garden friends from our Club and played a few games of "1000 Aces".

To sum the weekend up I would say we had a fun, productive and educational time. It is always nice to work and play with like garden-minded people.



## Feedback Survey for OSFGC "Fall Garden Fair" held September 22-23 at The Oregon Garden.

### 1. What positive impressions did you have regarding the "Fall Garden Fair?"

*"Knowing this was our first Fall Garden Fair, I personally was amazed at how thought-out the Fair was. It showed from the Pavilion setup to the directional signage at each Tram stop. Such an amazing job." Mary*

*"I thought it was interesting and beautiful" Chris*

*"Excellent variety of programs and vendors" Sally*

*"I attended Saturday. As a Coos Bay Garden Club member, I enjoyed helping our District bring in flowers for display, and help setup our Western Region section. I liked the helping to answer Visitor's questions and learning more plant facts from listening to members around me." Brogan*

### 2. Since this was our first experience with the OSFGC presentation of the "Fall Garden Fair" what suggestions do you wish to offer?

*"Not knowing this year's attendance, but with a year to plan, could The Oregon Gardens consider hosting an event that would draw in adults and children from the nearby communities to venture into the gardens that weekend? Once in, OSFGC would do our part to offer our varied programs and work shops." Mary*

*"Maybe some children's activities could be offered in the main hall, and then they could advise the kids and their parents that there are many additional fun activities out in the garden. Chris*

*"Demonstrations of flower design for average home, not just for flower shows. Also how to properly cut and prepare those flowers for use in home design. Sally*

*If not both days, I think The Oregon Gardens should plan an attraction to entice the surrounding community of families with children a reason to attend. Start with an overall tram ride and return to the Children's Garden. The OSFGC Clubs had lots of activities planned." Brogan*

### 3. Would you like to see this statewide event offered again next year?

*"Yes. Besides, this would give our Clubs a year to plan how they could participate and get the word out to encourage attendance." Mary*

*"Yes, I think it's worthwhile. I can't think of another venue that would be more appropriate. Consider a display at the Home and Garden Show in Portland? Bottom line, I think Districts and Clubs need to recruit more." Chris*

*"No, too soon." Sally*

*"Yes." Brogan*

*"Yes, I would very definitely like to see this statewide event offered again next year. I would like to help with the planning, preparation and execution however I can." Norma*





#### 4. Other comments?

*"The judged Flower Show was beautiful, and I hope the public took the time to enjoy the creativity and hours of effort the designers donated of their time."* Mary

*"I was proud of all the displays, handouts and information available. Gardeners aren't afraid to work! We still have to contend with the weather, and that keeps people away. Maybe people are more gardening-receptive in the spring."* Chris

*"I'd like to bring a friend to our Second Annual Fall Garden Fair!"* Brogan Walker

*"The event was very impressive and nicely done. Next year, I will promote it to my Portland friends and relatives, to the Estacada Garden Club and to my neighborhood and the Estacada community. The flower design show was a favorite. Having attended Flower Show School, taken part in Design Group and one Flower Show (honorable mention!), I had some idea of and respect for what is involved. Also, the very large display of single plants and flowers was delightful. It was impressive that there were constant demonstrations given and I enjoyed the one about making quirky garden decorations.*

*The location and apparent combined effort with the Oregon Garden added much educational interest and opportunity to both, in my experience."* Norma

These are a few of the comments that Gaye received.

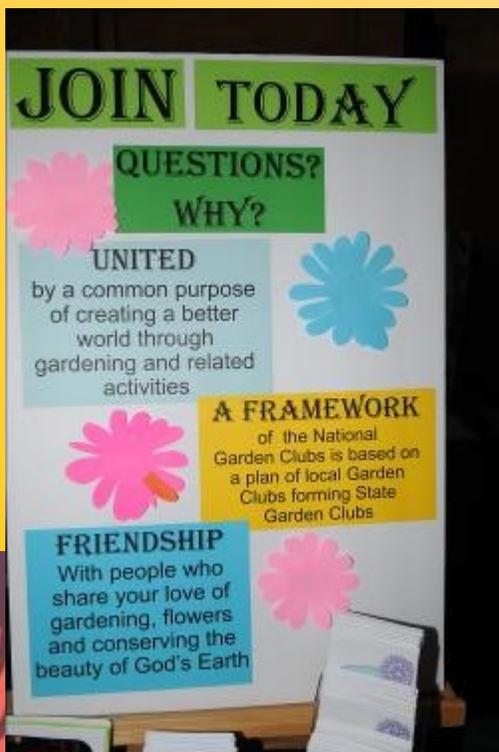
Submitted by Mary Kerr;Coos Bay Garden Club,

Her granddaughter Brogan Walker,

Chris McClure; Portland District Director and

Sally Thompson; esteemed Member and Container Gardening Chair at this time.

Norma Piper; Estacada Garden Club



Connie Hansen Garden, Always a delight any time of year!



OSFGC Board Meeting  
Lincoln City  
October 7 and 8, 2018



## OSFGC Corresponding Secretary Report Fall Board Meeting October 8, 2018

Registration went very well this time. I want to thank all of you for filling out your forms and sending them in in a timely manner.

We had 49 people register for the Monday meeting. Thirty six of those present were Board Members. Our quorum number to meet is 27, so we had a quorum. We also had 13 guests including Club Presidents and Assistant Directors. It is always lovely to see all of you again and visit a bit ...and I love the beach.

*Carolyn Elsten, OSFGC Corresponding Secretary*



Thank you Pacific District for organizing an excellent State Board Meeting.

## Treasure Chest

*Bernie Wood, Chair*

The Treasure Chest continues with the generous support and donations from statewide Districts and individuals.

Many people commented about how much they liked my change of costumes and persona at the past State Convention. Will continue in this vein for the upcoming Convention in Klamath Falls.

One complaint at the State Convention was that the "Treasure Chest" part needed to be bumped up in number of items available and uniqueness of those items. This will happen at the next State Convention.

Sending out the blue "Treasure Chest" tickets to all the Garden Clubs throughout their Districts did not go as well as I would have liked it to go. Will strongly endeavor to do better this coming year. We only had 60% of the Clubs in the State buying their blue "Treasure Chest" tickets. Would like to see this percentage go up.

Thanks to all the Districts and individuals who donated baskets and items for the State Board meeting in Lincoln City. We raised \$301.00 for the State!



"The Queen and Princess  
of Ticket Sales"



## Community of Gardens

The Smithsonian Institution is asking for your stories about gardens, greenspaces, and gardening history. ([communityofgardens.si.edu](http://communityofgardens.si.edu)) is the Smithsonian's digital home for preserving stories of gardens and the gardeners who make them grow. Stories can be anecdotes or interviews, about the past or present, about a particular plant, about a particularly memorable moment spent in a garden or greenspace, about garden traditions or practices, and so much more!

By contributing images, videos, and stories to this website, your participation will help others to better understand the meaning and value of gardens to American life – today and in the future.

Share your garden and gardening stories at <http://communityofgardens.si.edu>.

Download the Community of Gardens app at <http://s.si.edu/communityofgardensapp>.

E-mail us at [communityofgardens@si.edu](mailto:communityofgardens@si.edu).

*This is a wonderful opportunity to show off our knowledge, experience and relationships with all the gardens in our lives! In our communities, our own homes, those special gardens we take care of. Individuals or Clubs can collect stories to share on the website.*

America's gardeners have amazing stories to tell that are well worth preserving. I can only imagine the wonderful stories and photographs the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs gardeners might have to share. The Smithsonian Institution wants to record and share these diverse stories with the American public so they don't become lost to history. We are reaching out to you because [Smithsonian Gardens](#) would like to invite the Oregon State Federation of Garden Club gardeners to share and be recognized for their contributions to our nation's gardening history by adding their stories, videos and photographs to a new digital archive of American gardens and greenspaces called [Community of Gardens](#).

Community of Gardens is a website (and an iPhone app) that collects stories from people all across the United States about gardens, greenspaces and gardening experiences that have touched their lives. For examples of the types and variety of stories, browse stories already contributed to [Community of Gardens](#). We ask participants to contribute images, stories, videos, interviews, and oral histories in order to tell a personal story that might otherwise go untold. Smithsonian Gardens wants to preserve not just the stories about America's most celebrated gardens, but of all American gardens, large and small, that form the landscapes all around us.

Although there is a big name (Smithsonian Institution) attached to this project, **Community of Gardens is truly a grassroots effort**. We would greatly appreciate your help in getting the word out and in encouraging people to contribute.

Sincerely,

Christine Forst

Community of Gardens Volunteer



Can you guess which Garden this is?

## OSFGC's "Member of Distinction"

Let's celebrate our wonderful members!

The selection criteria includes:

- The District honoree shall have been a Garden Club member for a minimum of 20 years.
- The District will donate a minimum of \$20 to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund in the name of their "Member of Distinction."
- The name of the District and the name of the honoree are to be sent to the State President by April 15, 2019.
- A "Member of Distinction" certificate and a pin will be given to the honoree.
- Please involve your District Clubs in nominating eligible individuals.
- Be sure to consider those dependable, "can-do-whatever is needed" people to recognize as your District's "Member of Distinction."

In addition to having the name of your honoree sent to me, please include a couple of sentences that will highlight reasons for your selection. At the Convention's **Tuesday night** celebration of these members, your brief sentences will be what you will share with the audience.

If at all possible, your honoree should be invited and encouraged to attend the State Convention to receive their recognition.

Please remember to send Nita Wood, OSFGC Treasurer, your \$20 donation (or more) to the Book of Friendship, and send me the honoree's name and a brief reason for their selection.

Thank you for your participation in honoring one of your faithful District members.

Gaye Stewart  
State President



### Arboreal

*Kathy Lombardo, Chair*

### The Sesquicentennial Dawn Redwood Project of 2009



### What We Have Learned

Dedicated gardeners tend to experiment and push the limits. That is just part of our trusting nature, like planting a tiny Sequoia seed and expecting a giant of a tree. To celebrate Oregon's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, a *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* was offered to every Garden Club in Oregon. They were from seed of one of the original (reintroduced) Dawn Redwoods, after the “extinct” species was found alive in China in 1941, and seed was brought to the USA in 1945. The seed Mother, in Hawthorn Park, Medford, is a giant now.

Illinois Valley Garden Club's first planting of “our” tree was in a damp overflow of a pond at Cave Junction's Wastewater Plant. Ten years later, it is doing well, has a windblown swagger. The only thing wrong was that we had also hoped for a location where school students could walk to see one. The Dawn Redwood story is very important to Oregon. The species was one of the native trees here for at least 20 million years, beginning in the Miocene era, and then it was gone - except its fossil record to tell its story. It is our State Fossil. We tried 3 at the Visitor Center for the Caves National Monument, but that was obviously the wrong place. After asking the Mayor to please watch for a place in the park where it is always too wet, we planted a 4<sup>th</sup> Dawn Redwood in Jubilee Park, next to the skate park, 1 block from the middle school, behind a fence, but open to public, and muddy! Happiness is a Dawn Redwood in a mudhole. The moral here is never give up; We Are Garden Club and we can get it done. There are just three trees left, of the 125, if a Club is wanting to try again.

## Blue Star Markers

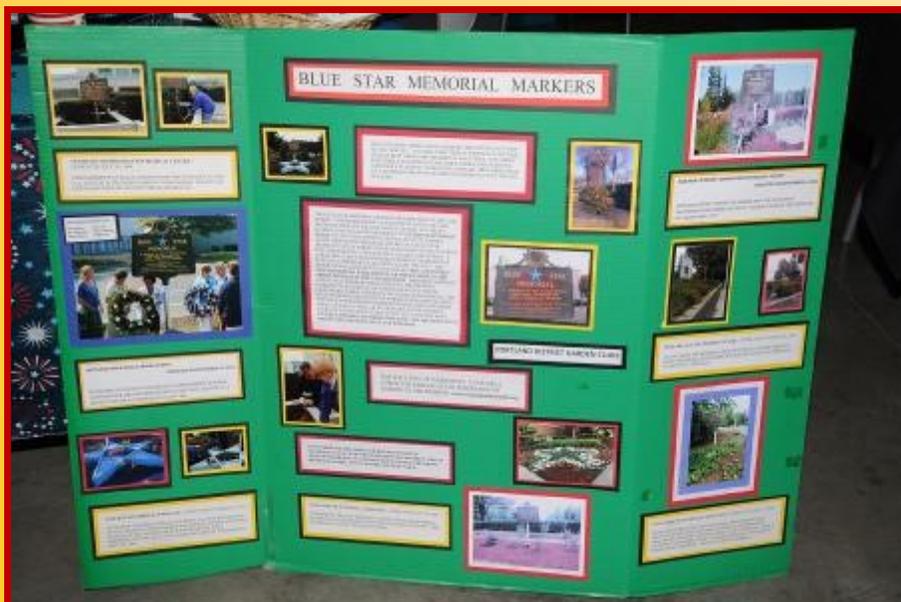
*Nancy Ebsen, Chair*

All District Directors received an up to date printed copy of the 82 Oregon Markers. You will notice the renumbering of the last half due to a duplication of markers. Please pass these on to your District Blue Star Chairman. If you have none, please appoint one and send me the name. We are very close to completing pictures in the Album of the 82 markers minus the one that has been destroyed. We are yet to complete the seven Umpqua markers that were given to Siskiyou and Willamette to monitor. Thank you so much.

The following is a status report as of October 2018.

- Office Covered Bridge in Westfir was dedicated July 7, 2018 by Willamette District.
- Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, was dedicated August 12, 2018 by Clackamas District.
- The Marker at Troutdale Rail Museum is still slated to be moved, but no date is set.
- Portland District is still dreaming of a Gold Star Marker for the Willamette National Cemetery.
- OSFGC is working on a marker outside the Oregon Gardens. A spot that pleases everyone is being researched. It cannot be in the garden because of its paid admission.
- We are still dreaming of a marker in Central Oregon.
- Washburne Marker has been refurbished and is in storage to be placed at the Monroe Museum.
- Newberg has purchased and ordered a By-way marker to be placed in the Newberg Memorial Park, hopefully in the Spring.

Now that Fall Festival is in the books, we will work on getting the Briggs Junction Marker replaced, as well as markers on all the Oregon Highways to keep their status as Blue Star Highways.



## *Nominating Committees*

There was an article in the recent Waconiah about Nominating committees, written by Parliamentarian Greg Pokorski. It speaks to the important contribution of nominating committees in determining the future of organizations. Committee members need to be familiar with the organization, its bylaws and its members.

The 2019-2021 Committee realizes their role in providing a strong list of candidates to lead our organization in the next term; candidates who are knowledgeable about and committed to the organization, with skills that will aid in the performance of their duties and who can “work and play well with others.”

If you have ever considered an office on the OSFGC State Board, what better time than the present to give it a shot. The Committee has been talking to many members during the last several months and we have found that there is interest out there. We will continue making calls, talking to members and sharing the importance of each position. Consider stepping up and giving it a try?

Your committee members are: Jane Sercombe, Clackamas; Bernie Wood, Klamath; Nancy Ebsen, Portland; Joli Root, Santiam; Kathy Simmons, Siskiyou. These members along with our current state board officers are available to answer your questions about the duties of each officer position, what is expected and for how long. Good leadership is important to the success of our organization.

Refer to Article VI, Officers and Their Duties and Article VIII Eligibility of Officers in your State Directory for more information. Applications are available from any member of the committee and on the OSFGC website. Deadline is January 1, 2019.



## President's Project

Mike Stewart, Chair

### "Planting Pollinator Gardens In Public Places"

It has been all about the Bees (and other pollinators) with President Gaye's Special Two-Year Project of "Planting Pollinator Gardens in Public Places." We are now in the "count down" phase and it's almost time to take stock of how we have done.

At the beginning of our project we agreed that supporting our pollinators is important for many reasons, including the following:

- The pollinators support Oregon agriculture crops with over \$600 million per year.
- 80% of plant life depends on pollinators, like the bees.
- Native flowers and plants provide nectar for the bees.
- Trees help turn carbon monoxide into fresh air for people to breathe.
- We can help "grow" the bee population by NOT using harmful insecticides and chemicals and, instead, we should use safe products and strategies.
- It is important to provide fresh, shallow water sources for bees.
- We have encouraged each other to plant lots of flowers that draw bees and other pollinators and to choose flowers that have nectar in easily accessed blooms.

Clubs and Districts are encouraged to begin preparing posters for our State Convention that will show our "before" and "after" efforts to make bees a high priority in our part of the State. I suspect that we have each approached this project in different ways and some may even be convinced they haven't done much because they may not have created a new pollinator garden in a public place, but wait. What have we done in our meetings to make each other, and the public, more aware of how important our bee populations are to the quality of life?

I suspect many of us will point to new pollinator displays or special speakers we have invited to our meetings to give us more insight into how we might be part of the solution to this perplexing problem of diminishing pollinator populations. While we can't count these efforts as "new pollinator gardens," we are moving in the right direction... perhaps by making a better flower selection for our yard or by sharing our new appreciation for our bee population with someone who hasn't yet heard bees are in trouble. When more and more of us begin to ask, "What's all the Buzz about?" the new gardens... in public and private places will come and the totals will be staggering. Until then, let's just keep counting our progress, one bee at a time.

In closing, our President asked me to ask you,

"Why did the bees go on strike?"

The answer,

"Because they wanted more honey  
and shorter working flowers."

See, I told her that joke would likely get me stung, and I was right!

Thank you, that's my report  
and I'm sticking to it.

Lake Grove Garden Club's Pollinator Garden



## Recycling

*Stan Chiotti, Chair*

Plastic recycling will remain in a state of flux in Oregon for a great period of time. Most counties that still recycle cardboard, paper, and plastic will go broke soon, and will have to put all their waste in land fills. Only a few of the 33 counties in Oregon that have adjoining borders have the same recycling rules. Everyone needs to check with their own waste management providers to find out what is and is not acceptable. If you call the number in your local phone book, do not be surprised if you are talking to someone in Arizona. Most counties have out-sourced their services.

AMBER,AMBER,AMBER. I myself can no longer recycle Rx bottles of any color. There is a lady in K-Falls ( Nicole Sanchez) that uses just small amber Rx bottles for her bee collection. Bring these items to any District or State Board meeting and I will get them to her.



**Nicole has enough bottles for now.  
Please hold on to them  
until the June Convention.  
And could you please  
take off the labels?**

**Anyone who has an idea of how to do  
that easily, please let us know!**



We are making progress on getting the **Trillium** named as State Wildflower. At the recent Fall Garden Fair, we discovered that the Oregon Garden, Oregon Association of Nurserymen (OAN) and the Hardy Plant Society are in the process of developing a Trillium Collection for the Oregon Garden!. After speaking with the people from the OG and OAN, I suggested that we develop a partnership and work together to accomplish both of our goals, the creation of the collection and the naming the Trillium as the state wildflower. The idea was received with enthusiasm all around. The OAN asked me to write an article for their newsletter explaining our wildflower project and how the naming project developed. Copies will be e-mailed to the Directors for you to use in your District and clubs. Signers only need to be Oregon adult residents, not necessarily Garden Club Members.

I will also send each Director a copy of the petition we had at the Garden where we collected over 100 signatures in just that short time period. Please share the article with your clubs and their members, as well as have citizens sign the petition. Clarify that it is NOT an initiative petition. The data will allow us to show the Legislature that the people of Oregon are in favor of naming the Trillium as the State Wildflower.

I have also spoken with Judy Alleruzzo from Garden Time and she is interested in working with us on the project.

It is obvious to the committee that getting a bill working this coming session is unrealistic, so we are working hard for the 2020 session. Due to the political climate right now, our chances are slim to none for 2019. Legislative concepts have already been filed and talked over during Legislative Days in September. We were not ready.

To those of you who were trying to get groups supporting us in the Trillium project, don't give up. We will come at it from a renewed and revitalized approach. Still keep trying to forge those connections and gather signatures. We have only just begun. Also send us pictures, and other information about successes and/or failures with the wildflowers this past year. Water or not, many still survived, but did not thrive.

We recognize that these past three years have not allowed for the "Tapestry of Color" we anticipated. But we are looking at the project in a slightly different perspective. We can't control "Mother Nature", but we have a couple of ideas we are developing and can unveil at the Spring Board meeting.



## The Magic of Foam

Need a GREAT activity for kids of different ages? We found that kids at The Oregon Garden really enjoyed working with foam sheets. We had "door hangers" for them to make with foam flowers to add as decorations, as well as foam letters to help personalize their creations even further. Tip: some of the foam pieces had adhesive backing, others did not. Have glue ready in case you need it!



## Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

I was feeding our dog her wet food one day and realized that the plastic containers (with great lids, I might add) the food came in would make a great planting "pot", even if only a temporary one. We used them at The Oregon Garden in the Children's Area. Participants planted sedums to take home. The containers were not too small, or too large. They really were "just right". You might watch for plastic items you can reuse/re-purpose. There are more out there than we realize...until we start thinking about recycling.



## Capitol Arrangers Guild

The Capitol Arranger's Guild presented floral designs to interpret certain pieces of art at a recent reception given by the Keizer Art Association. The theme of the Art display was "The Colors of Autumn." This is the 4th time the Guild has displayed their floral designs at the Art Association's reception. It is placed the day before the reception and taken down immediately after and our participants always find it exciting to participate and a new way of learning to improve and present our designs. Our designs always bring complimentary comments and rave reviews from those attending. Our idea is to expose what we do and create interest since floral design is a form of art.

*Nita Wood*



## Flower Show Judges Credentials

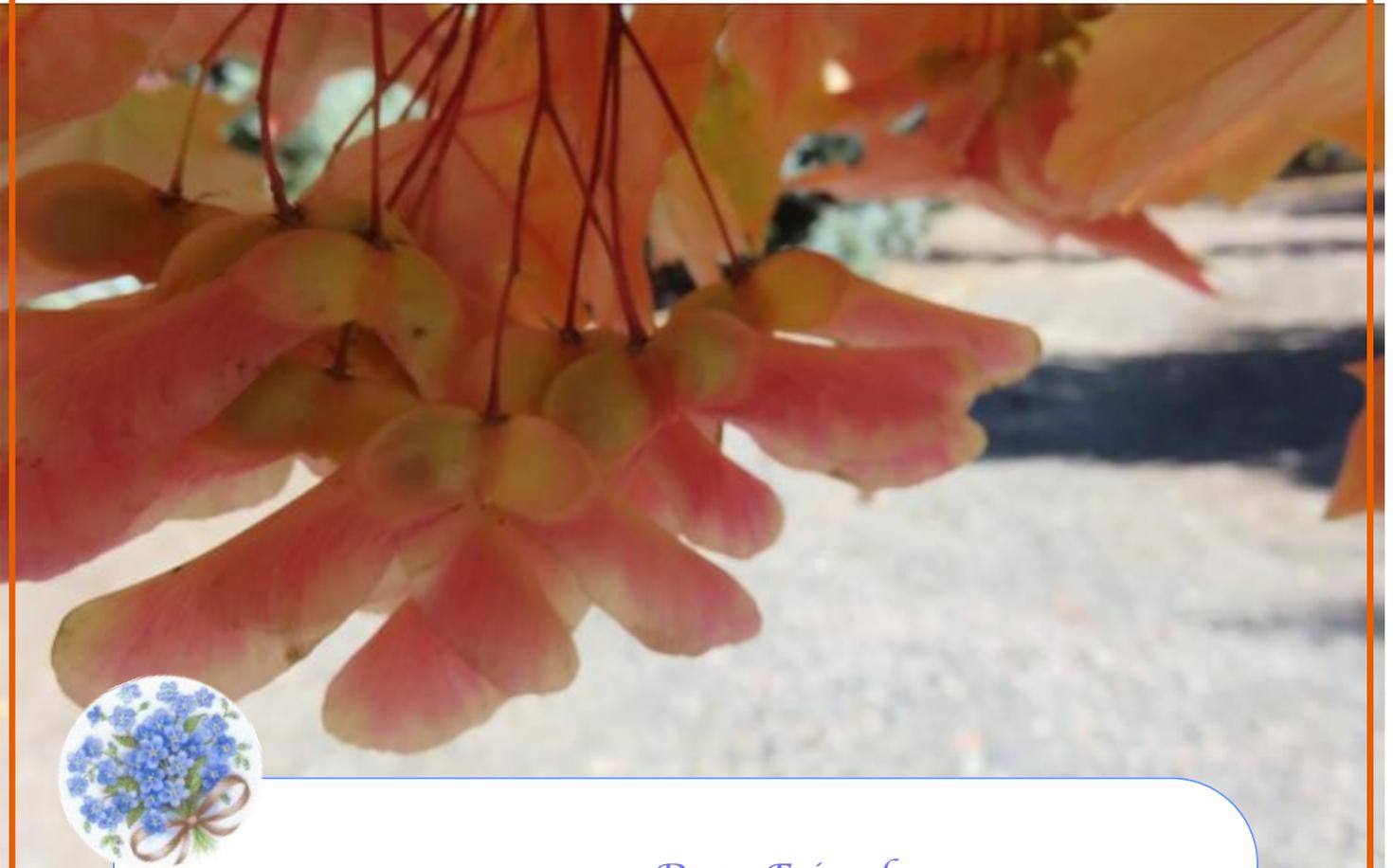
*Linda Nelson, Chair*

With our FSS symposium near next month, and the new Handbook some of the forms for refreshing credentials as well as the new requirements are different.

All forms are available on NGC website... [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org) ...

- Accredited Judges use Form 13,
- Life Judges use Form 15L ,
- Master Judges use Form 15 M.

Remember that it is expected that each Judge keeps her or his records of refreshing, judging, and exhibiting. I suggest you keep your records... or a copy ... in your Handbook. I will try and help the best I can.



*Forget-Me-Not*

*Dear Friends,*

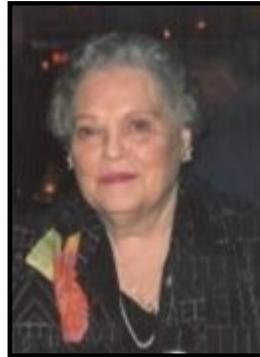
*My family and I wish to thank you for the many caring thoughts that were sent to us after George passed.*

*The Wagner's*

*Pat, Mark, Craig, Karen, Scott, Brian*



## In Memoriam



### Farewell to Nan Jean Roller

1989-1991 State President

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Theme - Pride, Concern and Action \*

November 14, 1927 - August 12, 2018 \*

On a beautiful Fall Day filled with sunshine streaming through the windows of White Auditorium, family, friends, Terwilliger Plaza residents, and Garden Club members gathered together to honor and remember Nan Jean.

Reverends Joanne and Tom Rannells, residents of Terwilliger Plaza and friends of Nan Jean, gently guided us through the memorial.

The family offered me the opportunity to share the time Nan Jean and I enjoyed as members of the Federation. We travelled together throughout the state attending Board Meetings and Conventions. She was a special friend and mentor. We never shared a harsh word between us. Nan Jean "gifted" me with the first two history books of the Federation and encouraged me to author the third history book of the Federation.

She had been active in the Federation since joining Corvallis Garden Club in 1959 and served as a Board Member of National Garden Clubs, Inc. for 25 years.

She chaired several state committees including the Blue Star Memorial program and the Oregon Roadside Council.

Upon reflection..... Her "life lessons" were a blessing.

Her friendship will be treasured forever.

She will be missed.

*Marcia Kay Whitelock September 15, 2018*





## In Memoriam

It is with incredible sadness and loss Hillsboro Garden Club says goodbye to **Eilene Wolven** a dear friend and member. Eilene served as President, Vice President and was basically our permanent Charity Chairman.

Eilene and her husband Randy were a very close couple and he was usually by her side when we needed any extra help. She devoted much of herself to various charities, and has won many top prizes in the Pioneer District Photo Contests. She was our official club bow maker, if there was a project that needed an artistic touch, Eilene was the first one there!



Eilene will be so dearly missed.



**Lolita Stuthard**, former Multnomah District Director, passed away on August 20, 2018. Lolita was an active member of Multnomah District for many years and was a member of both Petal Pushers Garden Club and Night Crawlers Garden Club. She was president of Petal Pushers and Night Crawlers. She was Multnomah District Director from 2009 - 2011. A retired school teacher she brought life and creativity to all aspects of her jobs. She and her husband, Richard (who survives her), happily entertained and escorted folks to many Garden Club meetings and events. Lolita had a wicked sense of humor and loved nothing more than dressing up in a wild costume. She brought old garage sale hats with her to the OSFGC Convention so that her Petal Pusher friends could have them to wear at their "tea" in her room. Hilarity ensued.

Lolita was actively involved in youth programs and ran the Multnomah District Ventura Park School Youth Garden Club program for several years. She entered the youth-made creative designs in the OSFGC Flower Show that was held at the Expo Center. She also headed the Smokey Bear/ Woodsy Owl poster contest for the State. She used to bring all the entries to a Petal Pusher meeting and we would pour over them, voting on the best ones. What fun.

Lolita was born in Kendrick, Idaho in 1938 on a small remote farm. She moved to Portland to attend Pacific Bible College. She met Richard while working at Montgomery Wards. They had 2 children, Cynthia and John. She graduated from PSU in 1978 with a BS degree and went on to earn a Masters of Education. She lived her life with passion and gusto and leaves behind a legacy of joy in her family and friends...and especially the kids.

By Carolyn Elsten



# District Reports

## Clackamas District

*Carolyn Olley, Director 2017-2019*



Fall District Meeting



The program was about slugs and snails. The center pieces were supposed to have snail or slug damage!!



Another Successful Potato Festival Flower Show.



The flower show crew- Gloria Sullivan, Gena Goddard (Judge), Bernie Wood, Beverly Hicks (Judge), Joanne Johnston, Edith Martin (Judge) and Linda Bishop. The three Judges are from Ashland, Central Point and Cave Junction and they did a wonderful job.



Best of Show in Design- Nicole Sanchez Northside Garden Club.



Best of Show in Horticulture- a light yellow petunia - Bernie Wood Northside Garden Club.



**Portland District**

*Christine McClure and Carole Schuldt, Co-Directors 2017-2019*



That's Peggy Olin hiding behind the scarecrow she shared at the Portland District Luncheon. Multnomah Garden Club helped their Youth Group of 20 children create these colorful characters, and everyone got to take one home!



Portland District Members enjoy their Fall Luncheon at Colwood Golf Center on October 19.



Several Villa Garden Club Members got ready for Halloween at their October 25 meeting. Please note Linda Kenney, fourth from the left, as the Zombie Gardener!



Fantastic owls from Jennifer Drews' extensive collection perched on the centerpieces.

## Santiam District

*Joli Root, Director 2017-2019*



Lebanon Garden Club members helping with the 9th annual Tomato Salsa Fest on the second Saturday in September. Elsie Kuenzli, Trudie Bason & Joli Root cooking Fried green tomatoes. Yum!



Lebanon Garden Club members Connie Schmitz, Sharon Swoverland and Beth Moyer at the salsa tasting table.

The Tomato Salsa Fest was first started nine years ago by Lebanon Garden Club Member, Trudie Bason. Many of the garden club members volunteered each year at the Bason's property as well as the Bason's extended family. It grew so much that it became bigger and more time consuming for Trudie and her family. They wanted it to continue as a community event since they had worked so hard to improve it each year.

The Lebanon Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors agreed to take over the operations and this first year it was held in town at the Academy Square where Lebanon's old high school, Lebanon Academy, used to be. The Ambassador's first year was very successful with Trudie and her Lebanon Garden Volunteers on board to help it run smoothly. All of Trudie's family showed up to give her a much loved send off. The fest has many food demos, recipes for tomato dishes, vendors, raffles, games for the kids, people's choice salsa contest, largest tomato contest and more. The event is free and we hope to see you next year.

Remember S-S-S...Second Saturday in September.



Lebanon Garden Club summer picture August 2018

Lebanon Garden Club's member **Renata Stanko** makes different scarecrow figures each year and has entered them in the State Fair for the past few years.

As you can see she won many ribbons. The small blue ribbon was for first place in the scarecrow category. The lilac one was for Best of Division in Farm and Garden. The purple/white one was for Best of Show in Farm and Garden. She doesn't like to brag, but we do!

## Santiam District 2018 Convention Report

When Santiam District was asked to host a convention, I was a little hesitant, but, I like having something to do. We had just hosted the Fall State Board, in 2017, so that is like a mini convention. After that, I thought we could do it. My answer was, "Well, when our District hosted in 2011, two of our people were shut up in a little tiny room making centerpieces for all of the meals. I do not want people to experience that again." At that time, I was not so involved as I am now. All I did for that convention was, 1) go to the planning meetings, 2) help organize the tours, 3) attend the convention. But I remembered those two girls in that room all the time. One of those girls is one of my best friends, Trudie. I don't remember who it was, either Shirley or Gaye, that said to call on other Clubs in the state to furnish centerpieces. Problem #1 solved. A light went off in my head. "We can do this!" The rest is easy, right? No different than planning a family gathering, only with a much larger family.

So, two years out we started planning. We contacted Hoichi Kurisi and asked him to be our keynote speaker. He graciously accepted our invitation saying, he would be honored. Our first official planning meeting was on site at Boulder Falls in the 1847 Restaurant on September 10, 2017. We enjoyed a tasty lunch and had a site tour of the facility. Since it was going to be in one huge room we really were putting our heads together to figure out where everything was going to fit and what did we need to fill in the spaces.

Santiam District, was voted in March 2017, to host the 2018 91<sup>st</sup> OSFGC convention in June 2018.

Although we knew earlier in that year that we were selected, our plans were already unfolding. We knew exactly where we were going to hold the convention. Our newly-built Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Inn had just been finished and we were anxious to show it off. This is quite a feather in Lebanon's cap. Although, being so new and upscale, we weren't sure it would be affordable. My assistant, Trudie Bason and I made an appointment to meet with the events coordinator at the hotel. When we were told what the cost would be, I was awestruck. We thought it a very fair price and everything was inclusive. My only concern was that there would be new batteries at the podium as in past experiences, the microphone batteries have died, then we have to look someone up to change them. I think this has happened at every convention I have ever gone to and not just OSFGC. I was assured that this was the state of the art AV equipment and there is always someone right there in case of problems. Ok problem #2 solved. We had our planning meetings at Grow and Show Member's homes in Salem. At one of our earlier meetings I expressed my concern about who we could get to make the centerpieces. Nita Wood spoke up and said she would be happy to head up that committee. I could have kissed her. That was a big weight off of my shoulders. I knew now that I would have no worries. We also had planning meetings in Lebanon with my own garden club members who volunteered to help with convention. We were very busy attending meetings.

Santiam District hosted the 2018 Convention at Best Western Premier Boulder Falls Convention Center in Lebanon Oregon June 10-13. We had a wonderful hotel and convention site with a one acre Japanese Garden and Koi pond.

77 full time members attended as well as 54 part-time members. We served 486 meals totaling \$12861.70 during the three-day event. The Hotel charged us one fee which was inclusive on all that we needed, i.e., tables, stage, linens, AV equipment, tech support, and an amazing staff, as long as we spent at least \$10,000 on food.

Nita Wood and Char Mutschler arranged for the centerpieces with the following groups:

Floral Guilds made amazing centerpieces:

Monday Banquet - "Through The Garden Gate" - Willamette Judges Council

Tuesday Lunch - "Bee My Cup Of Tea" - District Watering Cans - OSFGC Districts

Tuesday Banquet - "A Beautiful Garden Is A Work Of Heart" - Elsie Skinner Progressive Designer Guild

Wednesday Lunch - "Weed It And Reap The Awards" - Capitol Arrangers

Wednesday Banquet - "Magic In The Garden" - Portland Council of Accredited Judges.

We had self-guided tours on Sunday afternoon with the highlight being a Brunch train ride, which I think everyone enjoyed. There was a tour to the Albany Antique Carousel that was under construction when we hosted the convention in 2011, and finished this spring. We were so excited that it was finished so those who saw it under construction would finally see the finished product. We also suggested a tour to the Healing Garden at Samaritan Lebanon Hospital and a tour to Lebanon's Veteran's Home.

Monday evening, was our Memorial ceremony, conducted by our Chaplain, Becky Cook with Jenny Dahrens honoring our Life Members, Peggy Trees, Book of Remembrance, Member of Honor Presentation to Tanja Swanson by Gaye Stewart and Peggy Olin, Tanja Swanson presenting the membership awards. We wish to also thank our members who volunteered for our variety show. A special thank you to Sherry Cossey for organizing all those bee-u-tiful volunteers.

Tuesday lunch was a tea party with a garden hat contest, and tea cup giveaway. The watering can centerpieces were also voted on. It wasn't a high tea because we were on the ground level. The hat winners were Mike Stewart & Nicole Sanchez. Claire Belsher Historic Preservation Award was presented by Chairman Sally Thompson to the Milwaukie Garden Club for their gardening work at the Milwaukie Railroad Museum.

Tuesday afternoon, we had an official tour of the Boulder Falls Japanese Garden with our guide, Betty Koehn, who is the Director of the Samaritan Lebanon Hospital Foundation. She was my inspiration to get Hoichi here to visit us. And of course, not to forget our speaker on Indigenous Peoples, our local, infamous, anthropologist and archeologist, and my Ranger friend, Tony Farque, with the Willamette National Forest Service in Sweet Home. He is quite the character, don't you agree?

Our dining entertainment was Harpist, Amy Isted, who played while we ate at Tuesday's banquet. Our key note speaker was Hoichi Kurisu, who built the Boulder Falls Japanese Garden & Koi pond. He is an International Japanese Garden landscape architect who designed the Japanese Garden in Portland, a healing garden at Lebanon Samaritan Community Hospital, Talking Waters in Albany, and is currently helping design a healing garden at the Oregon State prison. What an inspiration he was to all of us, especially President Gaye. Last but not least let's not forget the return of our famous Designing Diva's, Char Mutschler, Carole Schuldt, Gretchen McKane; Escorts: Mike Stewart, Stan Chiotti, Paul Ramsey, and Sandra Rassi as MC.

Wednesday lunch was our awards luncheon. Designer of the Year Suzy Twist-Powell Award presented by Michele Dewitz to Leona McDonald, Happy Valley Garden Club. Gardener of the Year, presented by Char Mutschler to Kim Saville, Five Oaks Garden Club, Pioneer District, to honor Kim's dedication to providing food for those in need. Ellen Ambuhl Conservation Award presented by Norma Curtis to Elaine Butler of the Phillip Foster Farm, end of the Barlow Trail in Estacada. *The Next Twenty Years of Federation* State Publication Award to Marcia Kay Whitelock, editor. Scholarship Winners presented by Linda Nelson Bentson: William Charles Ortiz. Compton Fellowship: Kristin Neil. Claire Hanley Scholarship Winners: Bret Bailey, Steve Erickson, Ellen Selander, James Seely. Photo awards presented as well as State Publication, Newsletter, and Yearbook Awards

We announced the Watering Can Contest winners which were, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Rogue District; 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Marcia Kay Whitelock, Pioneer District; 3<sup>rd</sup> place, Cece Delfs, Blue Mountain District. Photo Contest Winners were also announced. After lunch, we enjoyed a program on Monarchs & Milkweed, by Stephanie Hazen in keeping with President Gaye's theme of Pollinators. We also had a Tillandsias Program by Sally Thompson with a sale afterwards.

Wednesday evening, Jeff McMahon, entertained us with his magical personality and engaged our audience in his magic act.

Ways & Means Report: Nita Wood

Nature's Garden, Sharon Wilson: \$35.00

Outside Vendors: \$75

Country Mall, Phyllis Olson: \$730.00

Treasure Chest, Bernie Wood: \$2372 + \$557 for the year comes to \$2929.00.

Total income: \$3694.00.

My heart is full with the support of everyone who attended the 2018 convention. Thank you to the Grow and Show Garden Club and Lebanon Garden Club for their diligence in executing all of our ideas brought forth. Especially thank you to President Gaye Stewart, for her viewpoints, generosity, support, and just being the classy person that she is. Thank you to all the District Clubs who made origami cranes, sent teacups & saucers, donated money and bag stuffers. A special thank you to Linda Bentson-Nelson for taking her time and patience in helping me learn how to do the Credential Report at the end of the first day of convention.

I am beyond grateful to everyone's help in making this Convention the great success that it was. It takes a village.

Best Regards,

Joli Root, OSFGC, 2018 Convention Chair

Visit Klamath in 2019~



Call the  
Running Y Ranch Resort  
at  
541-850-5500  
Ask for the Oregon State  
Federation of Garden  
Clubs rate.

Planning is underway for "Klamath, Trees and Honeybees - OSFGC Convention 2019." Why not make the most of your trip to convention by allowing an extra day or two to see some sights in the Klamath Basin of Southern Oregon and Northern California?

Two attractions managed by the National Park Service - both within an hour's drive of Klamath Falls - await your visit. Crater Lake National Park is famous around the world as one of America's oldest national parks. Just a few miles across the state line is the Lava Beds National Monument, featuring a stark volcanic landscape and rich with the history of the Modoc Indian War.

The Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway is an All America Road that connects both parks, as well as Lassen Volcanic National Park in California.

Two expansive National Wildlife Refuges, several history museums and numerous curio shops add to the list of attractions.

Special rates offered by the Running Y Ranch Resort for our convention make this a unique opportunity to make the most of your trip to Klamath.

Watch this space for upcoming reports of special programs, tours and activities being planned for the 2019 state convention.

See you in June at the Running Y!



Todd Kepple, Publicity Chair for the 2019 Convention



## Educational Workshop

### Earth-Friendly Pest Control: Using Nature's Arsenal in the Battle of the Bugs

Your desire to maintain a pesticide-free garden will not deter insects from attacking! Be ready with a better understanding of how to evaluate and respond to the myriad of insects you'll find in your garden. Get tips for distinguishing the good guys from the enemies, explore techniques to minimize risk and damage, and learn to apply the concepts of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to your own yards and gardens.

Nicole Sanchez, Assistant Professor of Horticulture, Oregon State University, has worked in horticulture over 30 years and has extensive experience in practical application of IPM for both home gardens and commercial produce operations.

### Entertainment:

#### Gardening Bee

Which Garden Club will reign as the Gardening Knowledge Champions of 2019? You won't want to miss our Gardening Bee, after dinner Tues, June 11, 2019! **Six teams of three gardeners** each will compete for laughs, bragging rights, and valuable prizes! Teams will use remote control clickers to answer garden and plant trivia questions that will start out easy as radishes, then blossom into a challenge for even long-lived perennials. Brush up on your horticultural knowledge and pick your teammates wisely! Signup details will follow in a future *Mahonia* issue.

*“Spreading your Butterfly Wings to Fly;  
Sharing your Knowledge of Gardening”*

**Region Project:**

For each State in the Pacific Region to “Plant America” with Native and Pollinator plants for their Region. Keeping it Simple! I’m asking the State Presidents to send a report to the Region Chairman.

- Who...What...Where
- Who...planted the plants.....State, District, Garden Club, Youth group
- What...was planted... flowers, shrubs, trees.
- Where.....the plants have been planted...park, church, Blue Star Marker

**No judging**

We will give a “Certificate of Appreciation” and “Butterfly Flag” at the convention 2019 to all Garden Clubs, Districts and Youth groups that have participated.

Deadline February 1, 2018. Send to Diane Franchini, e-mail address [franhinisd@gmail.com](mailto:franhinisd@gmail.com)

*Thank you.*

*Soaring to New Heights*  
**2019 Pacific Region Convention**

**Van Nuys, California**

**Airtel Plaza Hotel**

7277 Valjean Avenue, Van Nuys, CA. 91406

818.997.7676

Room rate - \$99/night (includes Breakfast)

Pre-convention Tours – optional

**Friday, April 5, – 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**Tour** – Descanso Gardens a garden with internationally renowned collections

**Dinner** – Tucked away next to the Van Nuys Airport, 94<sup>th</sup> Aero Squadron is a charming French chateau complete with ivy covered walls, stone paths plush gardens and an inviting interior adorned with aviation relics and replica Warcraft.

**Saturday, April 6, - 9:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Tour – The Getty Museum, Los Angeles – we will be treated to a docent-led tour with plenty of time to visit the museum on your own.

**Pacific Region Garden Club Fund Raiser Event** - -Imagine having dinner

“With the Stars” on the most filed residential street in Los Angeles!

Join California Garden Clubs as you dine in a comfortable garden atmosphere under the stars, have fun and make new friends with all proceeds going to a good cause Pacific Region Garden Clubs.

**Convention Activities**

**Sunday, April 7,** Committee Meetings, Fair, Life Membership Banquet

**Monday, April 8,** Pre-Convention Board Meeting, Design Banquet

**Wednesday, April 10,** – Organizational Meeting

Come join us in Van Nuys, we’ll be **“Soaring to New Heights”**

Questions contact Sue Bennett, Chairman, e-mail [sue.c.bennett.net](mailto:sue.c.bennett.net) 916.791.9459 or cell 916-316-5873

OREGON will be HOSTING the Pacific Region Convention in June 2020  
Place and Date TBA

## Calendar of Events

### 2018

Symposium: November 12-13, Portland area

### 2019

OSFGC Spring Board Meeting: March 3-4, 2019 Hampton Inn, Portland/Clackamas. hosted by Portland District. 503-655-7900

Pacific Region Convention: April 6-10, Van Nuys, CA

NGC Convention: April 30–May 5, Biloxi, MS

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

NGC Fall Board Meeting: September 18-20, St. Louis, MO

OSFGC Fall Board Meeting: October 2019 Blue Mountain District

## Mahonia

*Tanja Swanson, Editor*

*tanjandy@gmail.com*

Another too long edition of the Mahonia... But I really wanted to share everyone's impressions and pictures from our first Fall Garden Fair. If you are reading this in black and white, you are missing all the pictures.

The next deadline is in just a few weeks for a short Holiday issue. Send me pictures and stories from your Club's or District's Holiday traditions. Do you have Potlucks? Send a favorite recipe!

Thank you all for contributing to this issue and if you do not see your article, could you please send it again, so it will get in a next issue?

**Next deadline is December 1st!**

*Assistant Editor: Jaye Weiss*

*Fall Festival Photographs: Bob and Kim Disher Photography, Dallas, OR*

**Awards Reminder:  
Please check the 2017-2019 OSFGC Directory,  
page 66, for awards and due dates.**

Jane Sercombe, Awards Co-Chairman.



Gaye Stewart and  
Jane Sercombe