



# The Mahonia

The Official Newsletter of the  
Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

MEMBER NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.  
& PACIFIC REGION GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

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## From the President's Desk

Dear Members,

It is such an honor to serve all of you as your State President. An honor, an adventure and, for sure, a learning experience. The first task was to put together the Directory. I am sorry if you find any mistakes in it. We really tried to do our best. If you find mistakes, please let Darby Walker ([darbyfornow@gmail.com](mailto:darbyfornow@gmail.com)) know so she can send out corrections. *Thank you to Darla Bulmer, Karen Varty, Cheryl Drumheller, Carolyn Elsten, Darby Walker and Jane Sercombe for all the hours they have spent on putting the Directory together.*

### Directory Coloring Contest

The cover is black and white and is meant to be creatively colored by you. Color the cover using any medium you like. If you did not get a Directory, email the Corresponding Secretary ([darbyfornow@gmail.com](mailto:darbyfornow@gmail.com)) and she will send you a copy with the rules. At the Spring State Board meeting (March 30), I will give everyone who enters the contest a small gift. Together we will pick the cover we like best to be used for the Gardener of the Year flag. Be sure to write your name on the back of the book and not the front.

### Fall Garden Fair September 14 & 15

Did you attend the Fall Garden Fair at the Oregon Garden? The people who did had a wonderful time! This second annual fair had even more horticulture entries, even more workshops and another beautiful Flower Show. It poured rain on that Sunday but still the workshops were full and enjoyed by everyone. You should have seen all the different Fairy Gardens—garden clubbers are so creative. *Thank you Gaye and Mike Stewart for your vision, initiative and hard work for this giant project.*

### Blue Star Marker

Saturday morning Nancy Ebsen, our Blue Star Marker Chairman, organized a Blue Star Marker dedication right outside the entrance to the Oregon Garden. This was dedicated to Jan Iseli, who was one of the founders of the Oregon Garden and made it her special project during her presidency from 1997-1999. Jan's daughter Yvette and her cousin were in attendance. (see photos on bottom of page 14).



## From the President's Desk (continued)

### Fall Board Meeting September 16

During our Monday State Board Meeting we held a memorial for Linda Nelson, our former State President, Region Director and National President (the only National President ever, west of the Mississippi). We all placed little pebbles around the peony that would later be planted outside. It was the peony that was named for Linda in appreciation of her time as president. A beautiful pink peony, known as "Linda's Dream." We were so honored to have two of her sons, Mark and Mitch Nelson in attendance. Becky Cook, our chaplain said some beautiful words and others brought back some memories. Thank you Willark Park Garden Club and Capitol District for providing the peony and the pebbles.

**Now some questions:** Did you prefer to have the meeting right after the Fall Garden Fair? Did you come to both events? Please give me your input and suggestions!

### National Board Meeting

I did not go directly home after the Board meeting but made a trip to the National Board Meeting in St Louis together with Gaye Stewart. Always nice to see old friends and make new ones. The highlight of the trip was a visit to the National Garden Club Headquarters-a truly beautiful building! My favorites were the carpets: light green with the logos from all the different state garden clubs.

### Kids' Nature Play Parks

I have gotten quite a bit of positive responses about my special project: "Kids Nature Play Parks." Please keep doing research in your neighborhoods and send me pictures and information so I can put together a power point presentation about Oregon's Nature Play Parks! I am looking forward to visiting some of your districts this fall and getting to know all of you better. Please email me at [tanjandy@gmail.com](mailto:tanjandy@gmail.com) or call me 541.883.8119 with your concerns, ideas or just want to say "hello."

Time in nature is not leisure time; it's an essential investment in our children's health (and also, by the way, in our own)." — Richard Louv, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*

Love to all of you!

Tanja!



"Linda's Dream" peony.



# Executive Board

## 1st Vice President: Cheryl Drumheller

### Membership—Do you enjoy challenges?

This Membership Chairman does. The National Garden Clubs challenge is to increase membership 21% by 2021. That means that all of us must work hard and invite, invite, invite. We need to reach out to prospective members and really toot our horn about the benefits of being a garden club member.

We brag about our children and grandchildren. Well, we can brag about our garden club and all the educational programs available, the community service projects we're involved in, the hands-on workshops, the friendships we make and all the fun we have.

Recently a Membership Team was established. Team members are myself, Joli Root, Fran Tierce, Diana Caryl, Muriel Pagel, and Peggy Trees. Within a few weeks every garden club president will be contacted by a team member and sent a list of over 130 ideas on how to increase membership. We'll follow up in March to find out the most effective ways they increased membership. The results will be compiled and shared at the Spring OSFGC Board of Directors meeting.

Since June, I have spoken with several garden club members on how they invite prospective members. Here are their responses:

- A person was so impressed with a garden tour that she joined the garden club.
- During the Spring and Fall Garden Home Show, a district rented a table, free of charge, to display items and their bifold detailing what they're all about.
- One club gives the visitor a fresh flower, and a "thank you" applause for attending...The visitor usually joins.

**Are you up to the challenge?** Together we can make a difference, increase our membership and have fun doing it! Remember to invite, invite, invite!

On another note, I've created personalized "Welcome" cards for new members. Please furnish me the new member's name, club and district. The cards will be given to the district directors at the Board of Directors meetings.

*Submitted by Cheryl Drumheller  
Membership Chair OSFGC*

## 2nd Vice President: Carolyn Olley

### PROTOCOL 4 ALL

My goal for the next two years is to become more familiar with the stuff National Garden Clubs refer to as "Protocol" ... and to pass on knowledge I think you will be able to use in your Districts and possibly your clubs, too.

You can be watching for little tidbits of information from me in the *Mahonia* under the title of "PROTOCOL 4 ALL." Here's one tidbit I don't remember ever hearing before, so I thought you might be interested: You will **INTRODUCE** SOMEONE WHO IS NOT KNOWN TO YOUR GROUP and **PRESENT** SOMEONE WHO IS KNOWN.

An example: May I INTRODUCE Governor Kate Brown who will be speaking to us about water hibiscus. May I PRESENT our First Vice President, Cheryl Drumheller, who will be speaking to us about the role of snails and slugs in the garden.

Here's another: (Maybe it should have been the first I mentioned?) ***Make sure you have the correct spelling of the name and know how to pronounce it.*** Ask the person directly how to pronounce their name. Write it phonetically if you need to! You also need to find out the correct title.

Example? My last name is Olley...rhymes with holy. Last year I was a District Director, this year you elected me your State 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

This one goes without saying (but is very blunt!) and comes directly from the "NGC Protocol Handbook", 2016 Edition: Introductions must be kept SHORT. The members have come to listen to the speaker and what the speaker has to say and not what you say. The general rule is the more important an individual, the shorter the introduction.

When the speaker has concluded their presentation, the one who introduced the speaker may be the one who thanks the speaker. The presiding officer will (also) thank the speaker, and perhaps be the one to present a gift should there be one.

That's my contribution to "I Learned Something New Today" ... and I hope you did too.

*Submitted by Carolyn Olley  
OSFGC, Inc. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*



## Executive Board

### Parliamentarian: Mike Stewart “Let’s Get Started”

**Every job has some tools** that, when properly used, make the job go better. Your job as a leader of your District, Club or Committee is no exception. There are, of course, the usual intangibles that are critically important to how you approach your job and the effect your approach will have on those around you.

**You are the leader**, but it is not about you. It is more about those you have been entrusted to lead and how they respond to your leadership as you collectively work together to meet your common goals. You will have better success if the goals your group sets have wide-spread support from within and, believe it or not, everyone in your group has an opinion about those goals and how best to achieve them. Some members within your group will be very vocal about sharing their views and others not so much. You will need to hear from both groups if you really want to get the best thinking out of your group and keep them moving forward together.

**Parliamentary procedures were developed** to help encourage the process of member inclusion and at the same time keep the process of doing the work of the organization moving forward. Sometimes these dual goals get out of balance and one of your tasks as the leader is to keep an eye out so this doesn’t happen too often.

**Balance is the key word here.** It doesn’t have to be done exactly according to “the book” every time, as long as you don’t lose sight of what is to be accomplished. That is to: 1) move the business of the organization forward efficiently; and 2) give (no, actually encourage) all a chance to be heard in a timely and respectful manner.

**You are already familiar** with some of the tools for accomplishing this process. They begin with your bylaws and standing rules and include the latest version of “Robert’s Rules.” Perhaps one of the short-cut versions of the “rules” or one of the “for dummies” publications will be helpful as well. The NGC Parliamentarian has a helpful publication that you can order on-line. You will want to have these readily available in your tool kit.

**Finally, back to some of the intangibles** that we sometimes overlook. My short list begins with having a “servant’s

heart.” It will be hard to lead if you don’t first know how to follow and in both cases, remember, “It is not about you. It is about us.” Humor and, not taking yourself too seriously to heart.” It will be hard to lead if you don’t first know how to follow. In both cases, remember, “It is not about you. It is about us.” Humor and not taking yourself too seriously will cover a multitude of “sins.” We are all volunteers and we will all make our share of mistakes. If we weren’t trying to grow and make new things happen, perhaps the mistakes would be fewer, but where is the fun in that?

**Have fun.** If it’s not fun (at least most of the time) you are likely leaving an important step out. People want to be involved, and will come back for more, when they are taken seriously, are given a chance to share their ideas and at the end of the day can honestly say, “That was fun.”

Submitted by Mike Stewart  
OSFGC Parliamentarian

## State News

### National Garden Clubs, Inc. Gardening School Series 8, Course 1

Date: Sunday, November 17-Monday, November 18, 2019

Location: The Oregon Garden  
879 West Main Street  
Silverton, Oregon 97381-2243

See brochure on following pages.



## WELCOME

National Garden Clubs, Inc. (NGC) welcomes all students, both members and non-members, to its Gardening School (GS). The GS includes a series of four courses, refreshers, and the establishment of Gardening Consultants Councils. Members completing the series and passing the open-book examinations with grades of 70 or above are eligible to receive the Consultants Certification Card, an NGC credential. This certification does not qualify the graduate to go into professional practice, but it is considered a significant achievement among NGC members.

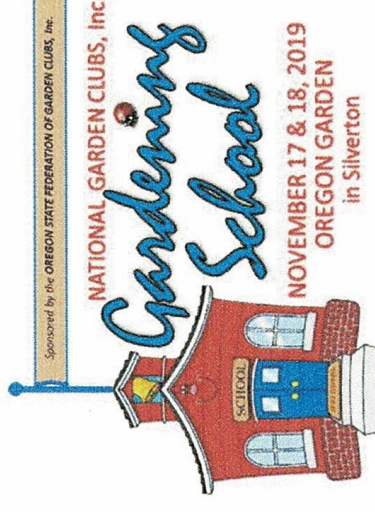
A Certificate of Attendance may be awarded to a **non-member** student attending a course. A Certificate of Achievement may be awarded to a **non-member** student upon completion of the four courses with a passing grade of 70 on each of the open-book exams. Non-member students who have successfully completed the four courses, with a grade of at least 70 on each exam, may apply for Consultant Certification by joining an NGC club within one year after completion.

Out-of-state students are welcome to attend, and their records will be sent to their home state GS Chairman.

1. Stimulate interest in the growth of plant materials to their peak of perfection.
2. Teach soil structure and methods for making soil more productive.
3. Give an understanding of how and why a plant grows.
4. Provide an understanding of commercial and natural products.
5. Illustrate methods for rapid propagation of plants.
6. Offer plant identification instruction.
7. Explore growing techniques
8. Develop a respect and understanding of plants and how they affect our lives.

## NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

### Gardening School Series 8 Course I



Sponsored by

The Oregon State Federation  
of Garden Clubs, Inc

Tanja Swanson, *President*

Shirley Schmidt, *Gardening  
School Chairman*

**Sunday November 17 2019**  
**Monday November 18 2019**

The Oregon Garden  
879 West Main Street  
Silverton, Oregon 97381

### Sunday, November 17, 2019

8:00 am	Registration/Coffee
8:30 am	Basic Botany
9:45 am	Break
10:00 am	Basic Botany (continued)
11: 15 am	Lunch
12:00 pm	Plant Life Cycle
1:30 pm	Break
1:45 pm	Soils
2:45 pm	Break
3:00 pm	Soils (continued)
4:00 pm	Open-book (today's topics)

### Monday, November 18, 2019

8:00 am	Registration/Coffee
8:30 am	Techniques for growing outdoor flowers
10:00 am	Break
10:15am	Organic Gardening
11:15 am	Lunch
12:00 pm	Plant Propagation Lecture
1:30 pm	Break
1:45 pm	Propagation Workshop
3:15 pm	Break
3:30 pm	Open-book exam (today's topics)



## General Information

The **Consultant Certification Card** is issued to NGC members after they have completed Gardening School Courses I—IV with a passing grade of 70 or more on every open-book exam. These four courses must be completed within seven years.

After passing two courses, a student may become a **Provisional Consultant** and join a Gardening Consultants Council.

To remain in Good Standing **Gardening Consultants** must continue their education by attending a GS Refresher or a GS Course. No exam required. After a Consultant's fourth refresher, the Consultant becomes a Master Consultant. Consultants or Master Consultants may earn refresher credit only once within a calendar year.

## Hotel Information

The Oregon Garden  
870 West Main Street  
Silverton, Oregon 97381-2243  
503.874.2500

\$89/per night plus tax includes a full breakfast  
Reservations are to be made directly with the Oregon Garden by November 9, 2019.  
Request OSFGC Gardening School block of rooms.  
Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc

## Gardening School Committee

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Plant Requirements/ Life Cycle/ Reproduction	Szonntag/Nicole Sanchez
Soils	Linda Brewer
Outdoor plant growing	Michelle Sager
Organic Gardening	Erica Chernoah
Plant Propagation	Nicole Sanchez

*We are grateful for all the instructors who come to us from Oregon State University.*



## Registration Form

Gardening School  
Series 8, Course I  
November 17-18, 2019  
(Please Circle One)

Non-OSFGC members (with exam*)	\$75.
Non-OSFGC members (no exam)	70.
Full Course (with exam)	30.
Full Course (no exam)	25.

ALL PRICES INCLUDE LUNCH.

*\*Exams are optional. However, if you wish to be an accredited Gardening Consultant, you must take the test.*

The required reading for this course is *The National Gardener*, available through the NGC website ([www.gardencub.org](http://www.gardencub.org)).

Make check payable to: OSFGC—Gardening School.

DEADLINE for reservation: November 9, 2019.  
No Refunds After This Date.

Mail to:  
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District \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Dietary Needs \_\_\_\_\_

## State News

### The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Fall Garden Fair

*The second annual Fall Garden Fair* was held September 14-15 at The Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon. Again this year, we were allowed to hold our event in the Pavilion at no charge to us and no extra charge for those who were visiting the garden. New features this year included:

**A Blue Star Memorial Marker Dedication** was held on Saturday morning at 11 am with the marker being placed in a large flower bed adjacent to the parking area. Veterans and club members attended as we paid tribute to the veterans who have served, are currently serving or will serve in the future to keep America free. Kind words of recognition were shared in memory of Jan Iseli, former OSFGC President, who served as the State Blue Star Chair and was a founding contributor to the development of The Oregon Garden. A plaque honoring Jan will be placed by the marker.

**The Children's Craft workshop** moved to the Pavilion area and offered face-painting, puppet-making, critter rocks and story time with "Miss Molly." Several new plant and garden item vendors were on hand to assist with making our garden sanctuaries even more beautiful.

**Eight new workshops**, four "hands-on," had something to offer to everyone. Despite the heavy rainfall on Sunday, the "hands-on" workshops were packed with participants and spectators:

**GROWING GORGEOUS PEONIES:** CAROL ADELMAN (ADELMAN PEONY GARDENS)

**WREATH-MAKING 101:** DIANA CARYL (HOOD RIVER VALLEY EVENING GARDEN CLUB)

**THE GOODNESS OF BATS:** TRISH PAIGE (ODELL GARDEN CLUB)

**PLANT OREGON WITH NATURE PLAYGROUNDS:** TANJA SWANSON, OSFGC PRESIDENT

**EASY BEADED SUN CATCHERS:** GRETCHEN MCKANE (GROW & SHOW GARDEN CLUB)

**FAIRY GARDENS FOR ALL AGES:** DORIS CRAIN (MCMINNVILLE GARDEN CLUB)

**MAKE & TAKE FLORAL DESIGN:** SHERRY COSSEY & GEORGIA ZAHAR (EUGENE GARDEN CLUB)

**Both a demonstration beehive and live pre-Monarch Butterfly caterpillars** feeding on milkweed were a big hit. We continue to learn about the significance of our pollinators in maintaining the balance of nature.

**A new work area booth was** added to highlight the new Schools and Education offerings beginning with the Gardening School Series-see more information on pages 4-6 and on the OSFGC website. The gift drawings held every 30 minutes included original art work created by Club members Kim Disher, Teri Charest, and Doug Schmidt.

**Continuing from last year** was our amazing NGC Standard Flower Show. Designers were ingenious with their interpretation of this year's theme, "Hail to Thee, My Oregon—a Gardener's Legacy." The "Oregon Bounty" displayed 50 feet and 170 floral and horticulture exhibits from every corner of our state. The magnificent array was simply breath-taking...and best of all, it came from our home gardens.

Thank you all for your contributions, help and sharing about the work of OSFGC.

Submitted by Gaye Stewart  
Event Coordinator



Doris Crain—fairy gardens



Diana Caryl—wreath-making 101



Gretchen McKane  
beaded suncatchers



# West Coast Monarch Movement

## September 2019

**Twenty years ago** the California-wintering Monarch butterflies numbered 1.2 million. In 2018, the count was down to 28,000. This number is very different from the East Coast migration to Mexico which is showing an increasing population, although not at historic levels. In 2019, while hardly any Monarchs were sighted in all of Oregon, by September 1st in Brookings, Oregon, 2200 monarch eggs had been laid on several types of milkweed in one back yard. People involved with the Monarch recovery came from all over to help with getting the eggs the proper conditions to develop and flourish.

**Stephanie Hazen**, a retired small animal veterinarian from Salem, Oregon, is a volunteer for Oregon State University's citizen science project Oregon Bee Atlas whose purpose is to collect and catalogue all of Oregon's native bees, many of which are as yet undiscovered. A Master Gardener since 2018, she has given over 20 "Monarch and Milkweed" slide shows all over Oregon. She came to the Fall Garden Fair at the Oregon Garden in Silverton, Oregon. She answered the call for a "pollinator expert" to talk with those stopping at the pollinator table for information and brought several of the Monarch caterpillars collected in Brookings to show this critical stage in development.

**As of September 27, 2019**, most had fully developed into butterflies, had been marked by a tagging sticker (see photo below), released, and hopefully will be found and reported as they fly south to Southern California to overwinter. One of the tagged Monarchs released in Oregon has already been sighted in Santa Cruz, California, so the intervention is working.

### Points to remember for Monarch Butterflies:

1. Monarch butterflies only lay eggs on Milkweed as that is the only plant their caterpillars can digest.
2. Oregon is home to five native species of Milkweed: *Asclepias species* (showy milkweed) and *Asclepias fascicularis* (narrow leafed milkweed) are the most common.
3. Adult butterflies sip nectar from milkweed and many other flowering plants. By having flowering plants from May to October, we can assist Monarchs migrating both north to the egg laying territory in Northern California, Oregon, Washington and Canada, and south to the wintering grounds on coastal California.
4. Monarchs need trees to rest in and water to drink. They prefer to sip their water from mud and sandy areas.

Above information from the Xerces Society, *Attracting Native Pollinators*, Stephanie Hazen, and the Monarch Watch.



Submitted by Jane Sercombe  
Clackamas District Parliamentarian





## Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contests

Now is the time when we to reach out to our youth and pass on the principles of our conservation pledge through the Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl poster contests.

### Only You Can Prevent Wildfires!

Smokey Bear teaches children and adults to be careful with campfires, barbecues, trash fires and matches.

### Lend a Hand Care for the Land!

Woodsy Owl inspires children and adults to observe, explore and care for the environment. He teaches us to make smart choices by recycling, reusing, reducing waste and repurposing

### Our target audience: grades 1-5

- Elementary Schools
- After-school day care/child care centers
- Private schools/home schools
- YMCA
- Children within our family/neighbors/friends/co-workers
- Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, Blue Birds and Campfire Girls (This is a great opportunity to have them earn badges.)

Think about Margaret Mead's quote: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Take this opportunity to be "the stone tossed into the water." Children will be ripples in the water because you have taken the time to expand their knowledge in how to make smart choices.

One interaction can change everything. Think of the orphaned little black bear cub who survived the 1950 Capitan Mountain forest fire in New Mexico. With the help of fire fighters (who named him Smokey), a rancher and Ranger, he was flown to Santé Fe to have his wounds treated. A simple action by a group of individuals created Smokey Bear who became an inspiration all over the United States.

*Submitted by Colleen Foster*  
Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Chairman

## Award & Contest Deadlines

Upcoming deadline dates (more information regarding each contest, can be found in the state directory. I will be providing which page the information is on):

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Please see page 69 of the OSFGC Directory for a full list of all awards, contests and scholarships deadline dates.



## Committee News

### Willamette National Cemetery Memorial Day Observance

Heavy rains cleared just in time for the 10 am, Start of the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Observance at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland on May 27, 2019.

Hundreds braved cool, wet weather to attend the ceremony, which included a cannon salute from the 218<sup>th</sup> Field Artillery of the Oregon Army National Guard and a flyover from the 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing.

From the Dedicated Funds for many years, OSFGC has provided wreaths, swags and planting flowers for the Memorial Day Ceremony, this year we were asked to plant a 12 foot STAR at the entrance to the cemetery. Multnomah Garden members planted 360 red, white and blue million bells petunias. As you can see in the picture, it is just beautiful.

Please open your hearts and donate to the Willamette National Cemetery Dedicated Fund.



*Submitted by Peggy Olin*  
Willamette National Cemetery Chairman

### 2019-2021 State Directory Corrections/Additions

#### Corrections

Clackamas District: Country Gardens Garden Club  
(not Country Commons)

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#### Additions

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### *Forget Me Not*

*Say thank-you or honor someone special here.  
Send your tribute to the Editor and a check for  
\$10 to Treasurer Margaret Taylor, PO Box 81,  
Hood River OR, 97031.*

## Committee News

### OSFGC 2020 Photo Contest

**Photos can be digital or film** and should not be enhanced by any computer program. Photos must be 8"x10" and matted, not to exceed 11"x14" inches. Photos must have been taken between January, 2019 and April 1, 2020. Photos must have been taken by a current OSFGC Garden Club Member in good standing.

**Clubs should hold a local contest** and choose a first-place winner from each category. There is a possibility of 7 winning photos from each club. These first-place winners will then be presented to their District representative to be judged at the District level. Districts will select the first-place winning photograph from each category to be displayed and judged at the State Convention. Winner in each division at the state level will receive a certificate and ribbon.

**Photos must have been taken between January, 2019 and April 1, 2020** by a current OSFGC Garden Club Member in good standing. **\*\*A stand of sufficient size on which to place an 11"x14" mounted photo will be provided. No framed photos will be accepted. OSFGC would like to post the winning photos. Photo contest entrants are asked to have a digital copy of their photo and a Release for Publication form available.**

#### Categories for 2020—COLOR, NO BLACK & WHITE

1. Landscapes 2. Gardens 3. Floral 4. Birds  
5. Wildlife 6. Insects/Butterflies 7. Presidents Choice - Pets in the Garden

On the back of the photo, tape a card with the following information (do not write directly on the back of the picture).

- Name of Photographer
- Contact info (phone number or email)
- Garden Club and District
- Date/Location of photograph (if possible)
- Make and model of Camera used
- Type of media (Film or Digital)
- Category of entry

If you have any questions, please contact me at either 541.479.5513 OR by email at [sierrakr@aol.com](mailto:sierrakr@aol.com).

*Submitted by Karen Ramsey*  
Photography Contest Chairman



2019 PRESIDENT'S CHOICE-BEES/COLOR.  
"From Chives to Hive" by Kathie Hupp



2019 LANDSCAPES/SEASCAPES-BLACK/WHITE.  
"Yellowstone" by Cindy Winfield.



# Committee News

## Youth

Dufur Valley Garden Club visited Ms. Devon Dawkins third grade class to teach them how to make crushed flower cards. A blank sheet of paper is the pallet. Then they were given a few pieces of horticulture and a short dowel.

Good horticulture to use for this project are grasses, pansies, Johnny jump ups, marigold petals and red geranium flowers. Some flowers don't work well, so try them out first. The colors are then squeezed out of the flowers with the dowel. Then the card is designed with a pencil

*Submitted by Phyllis Olson*  
Youth Chairman



## Website

District meeting reminders can be added to the website. Send information to me at [kvarty@comcast.net](mailto:kvarty@comcast.net). Do your clubs have a website, Facebook page or a newsletter? Links to them can be added to your district website page. Check your existing link to Facebook or website to make sure that they are still working or up to date. Please let me know if corrections or deletions are needed.

General meeting information can be added under your club's name on the website. This means listing the usual meeting place and meeting times. See Multnomah District for examples.

A comment I hear frequently is how much people like the descriptive paragraphs located at the top of some district web pages. Please consider writing a descriptive paragraph for your district and send to me. Those which do not have descriptive paragraphs are: Capitol, Klamath, N. Coast, Pioneer, Portland, Santiam, Siskiyou and Willamette.

*Submitted by Karen Varty*  
Website Administrator

## PIONEER DISTRICT

"Autumn is a Second Spring where every Leaf is a Flower."  
Albert Camus

Even when I was a little girl, I loved trees. The first poem that I recited in school was "I think I shall never see a Poem as lovely as a Tree," by Joyce Kilmer. The poem hung in my parent's house. When I moved away from home, I took it with me. It now hangs in my house. At that time, I did not know that I was to marry a tree, James Trees.

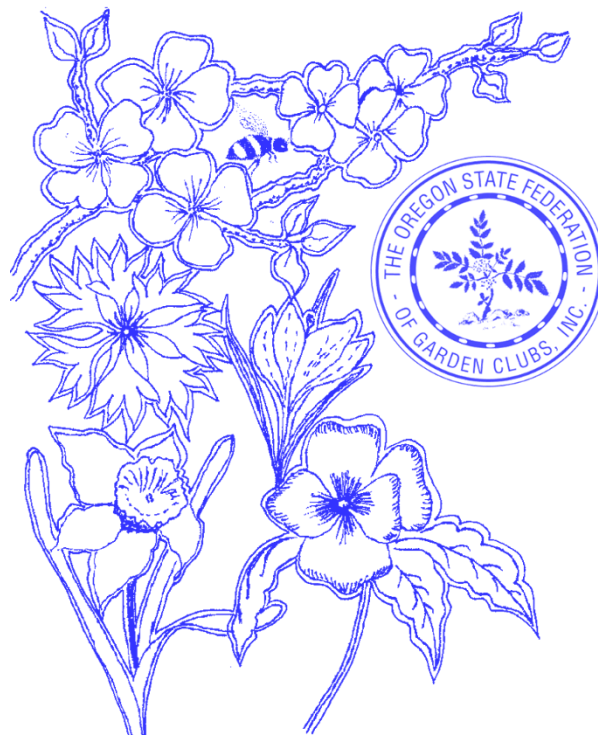
I always have mixed feeling about autumn. I am sad to see summer end. But, I love to see the leaves change colors, so many colors that I cannot name or count.

All of our clubs are in full swing. The month of September was very busy for all of us. It was a start of a new garden club year, field trips, Fall Fair at The Oregon Gardens, our State Meeting and District Meetings.

Pioneer District is hosting the 2020 Convention, June 7–10, 2020. We are all working together to put on a Great Convention. Save the date on your Calendar. It will be at the Holiday Inn, in Wilsonville.

Hope you all take time and enjoy this season and all of its Beauty.

*Submitted by Peggy Trees*  
Pioneer District Director



## Aprons, Aprons, Aprons

**Always handy for your plant sales or other events!**

The aprons will be blue with white flowers and will be selling for \$15 each. Please make your check payable to: OSFGC, Inc.

No need to order. I will bring them to your District meetings and to State Board meetings. If all the members in your club would like to order one, please let me know ahead of time so that I will bring enough.

### Why these flowers?

When I was a little girl my friends and I started to Garden Club. We named ourselves after the Flower Fairies from Cicely Mary Barker: Crocus, Cornflower (or bachelor button), Narcissus (daffodil) which spelled "Crokona," the name of our Club! Later we added Pansy and Apple Blossom. The bee is to honor Gaye and her pollinators! And by the way we are still friends and "Daffodil" was at my installation in Klamath!

*Tanija!*



## District/Club News



Cheryl Drumheller, Nelda Leifer, Mary Kerr, Mary Robertson and Crickett Soules represented Coos Bay Garden Club.



The wreath was made by Mary Kerr, President of Coos Bay Garden Club and Rogue District Director.

## Coos Bay Garden Club

### ROGUE DISTRICT

**Point Man Ministries (PMM)**, in partnership with Coos Bay Garden Club, dedicated a Gold Star Memorial By-Way marker at Dewett Veterans Memorial site, North Bend, October 5, 2019. This was ten years in the making by PMM. The marker is a tribute to all Gold Star Families whose loved ones paid the ultimate price.

**Those in attendance** witnessed the moving tribute as Patriot Guard Riders stood with flags in hand during the dedication. Bandon Veterans Honor Guard presented the Colors and provided the three-volley rifle salute. During the military tribute, servicemen stood proudly as their service medley was played. Nancy Ebsen spoke of the history of the Blue and Gold Star By-Way Memorial Markers. After a moment of silence, Emerald Russell, a Marshfield senior sang, "If Heaven Was Needing a Hero." In closing, dual taps were played, followed by the U. S. Coast Guard flyover (Air Station North Bend). This was such a moving tribute.

**The name Gold Star** came from the custom of families of servicemen hanging a banner called a service flag in the window of their homes. The service flag had a star for each family member in the United States Armed Forces. Living servicemen were represented by a Blue Star, and those who had lost their lives were represented by a Gold Star.

*Submitted by Cheryl Drumheller  
1st Vice President*

## From the President's Desk (Blue Star continued)





## Regional News

### Connect with old and new friends for the 77th Pacific Region Convention.

**Location:** The Oregon Garden and Resort  
Silverton, Oregon

**Date:** April 27-30, 2020

April 30-May 2 Post-Convention Tour

*Walk or ride through the acres of beautiful, colorful gardens. Check out the Art in the Garden, Living Waters and carved wood panels.*

#### Enjoy:

- The Children's Garden
- Wetlands
- Northwest Gardens

*Check out the Art in the Garden, Living Waters and carved wood panels.*

Hotel guest rate: \$109.00 (includes breakfast, entrance to the Garden and free parking.



## Photo Phundraiser

### Are You Planning?

Are you planning to enter the Pacific Region Photo Phundraiser? Have you got a good picture of a garden or landscape? A single bloom or an insect? A bird or your darling kitten or dog? How about a moose? Have you taken a good picture of a moose?

If so, please share it with the rest of us! We want to see it. But, you say, "I'm not good enough." But I say, "there are two awards for THE CLUB that enters the most photos" (they don't even have to win). A generous donor put up another \$100 for the club that enters the most photos per capita – so even the smallest club has a chance to win! All the contest details are on the region website [www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org](http://www.PacificRegionGardenClubs.org) or are available from me.

**The deadline to enter is April 27, 2020.**

#### Awards:

- Each category winner = \$25
- Best in Show = \$100
- Club that enters the most photos = \$100
- Club that enters the most photos per capita = \$100

#### Categories:

- Gardens/landscapes
- Animals
- Insects/birds
- Single bloom
- Moose



*Submitted by Robin Pokorski  
Pacific Region Director*

# Calendar of Events

## 2019

November 17-18	Gardening School Series 8, Course 1	The Oregon Garden Silverton, Oregon
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## 2020

March 29-30	OSFGC Spring Board Meeting	The Dalles, Oregon
April 27-30	Pacific Region Convention	Oregon
May 11-14	NGC Convention	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
June 7-11	OSFGC Convention	Pioneer District
September 24-26	NGC Fall Board Meeting	Fargo, North Dakota

## 2021

May 17-20	NGC Convention	East Rutherford, New Jersey
June 8-10	OSFGC Convention	Pioneer District

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### 2020 Vision

Eyes on Gardening in Pioneer District

June 7-11, 2020

Watch for more details this fall at: [www.oregongardenclubs.org](http://www.oregongardenclubs.org)