



# The Mahonia

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## A New Years Wish

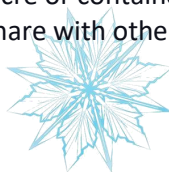
**It's that time of the year again** when I listen to the wind and rain whistling around my house and beating down on my garden. Curled up on the couch, I look at the latest and greatest seed and garden catalogs that come in the mail. They are so inspiring with vibrant and healthy-looking flowers and veggies. I want that kind of garden! The one where neighbors, friends, and strangers gaze upon it with wishes that their garden was as great as mine.

**Every New Year**, I intend to do the right planting at the right time for my garden. I just have never figured out why it doesn't always work...at least for me.

**I don't want much.** I would be happy with just some vibrant color, maybe some taller flowers to sway gently in the breeze, creeping ground cover to hold the soil, and self-weeding. My garden's reality is much different from the one I plan at the start of the New Year. My garden is instead a volunteer one. The weeds seem to multiply overnight, and something always seems to be enjoying whatever is growing for lunch. Each season in my garden brings beauty and peace to my life. No matter what shape my garden is in, or not in, it gives me many gifts throughout the year: the gifts of joy, satisfaction, stewardship, and friendship.

**My New Year's wish for you is that you receive these gifts** from your garden in the coming year. Joy when you see your garden's colors, textures, and patterns. May they bring a smile to you and lighten whatever worries you may have. Satisfaction, when you see all your winter planning and efforts, come to fullness. The knowledge that your garden is alive, growing, and you did it. It doesn't have to please anyone but you. Stewardship by tending the earth, saving our environment, and helping the animals we depend upon for pollinating our crops. You are essential to the living world. Friendship when you meet with others in your Garden Club or talk about gardens with anyone. Interaction with fellow garden-lovers makes gardens happen, and friendship is a seed to be planted.

**May your garden**, large or small, acre or container, bring you many gifts in the coming seasons for you to enjoy and share with others. May these blessings and gifts fill your life always.



Becky Cook  
OSFGC Chaplain

# From the President's Desk

## Kids, Community and Creativity

**How are your kids and grandkids doing?** I was listening to the radio the other day and they were talking about how hard it is for kids not to see their friends. A 15-year-old said that she didn't have any friends left. At that moment my daughter called. So, I asked her how about my 13-year-old granddaughter. Did she have any friends left? "Well," My daughter answered, "Right now she is playing a game with her two best friends, her 7-year-old brother and his best friend. A very intricate game and all on Zoom." I guess you have to have an imagination to make it through these "Stay at home" orders. You have to be creative. Many creative things have happened in the past nine months.

**Gardeners are always creative.** They have to imagine what their garden is going to look like; they have to be able to visualize how their design will look when finished. And all of you have been innovative in keeping your friendships in your garden club going during these past difficult months.

I know we still have to hunker down for the next few months, but there is light at the end of the tunnel! The winter months are not the best to work outside, but it is a good time to do research and think about things you could be doing in your garden, in your clubs and in your community. Sadly, we still won't be able to meet in person, so the Spring Board meeting and the Convention will both be virtual.

We are staying home and being careful so we will be able meet again in person, hopefully in the fall. I thank all of you who have helped keep the organization going, who still have made a difference in your **Community** either through donations or through actual work. I am so proud of our organization! Stay Happy and Healthy in 2021

## Meetings

We still have to be careful and continue to distance and wear our masks. Therefore, your Executive Committee has decided to keep our meetings virtual. Our Board meeting on **Monday March 22** will be on Zoom as will the June Convention: June 14-17. We are learning how to use Zoom to its fullest extent, so that we may give you a worthwhile experience. I encourage all of you to try the Zoom meetings. OSFGC has a Zoom account and any club or district should use it if they do not have one themselves. Just contact me and I will set a Zoom meeting up for you.

## Facebook

Does your club or district have a Facebook page? Please let us know who your administrator is. Especially at this time Facebook is a good way to connect with your current members and even attract new members. Our State Facebook page would love to share your stories also, but we need your help!

## Nominating New Officers

Even though we aren't meeting in person, many of you have found wonderful ways to keep in contact! Now is the time to install a nominating committee at club and district levels. Perhaps you didn't have your chance to do all the things you were planning to do and would like to continue for another term; you will have to inform your nominating committee about that. Please step forward and volunteer to be an officer for your local club or district. You know I do **NOT** want to hear any stories about nobody wanting to take a turn as officer...the least we can do in this New Year is to make a resolution to step up to the plate!



Tanija!

# State News

## Planting for Spring!

Winter is officially here – the calendar says so, with December 21 as the Winter Solstice, the weather is chilly, and the daylight hours are briefly here, then suddenly gone. This is the time Nature gives us permission to rest and let our thoughts turn to planning for the garden of our dreams.

Will it be an all-white perennial garden? Or maybe a vegetable garden filled with both your favorites, plus an area of new seeds now available for you to try?

The best source of information is the annual delivery of seed and plant catalogs which are beginning to arrive now. Last week I received a new one called, “*Seeds ‘N Such*” which promotes price savings when customers purchase 20 seed packets or more. This catalog inspired me to look for free seed and plant catalogs using Google.

If you, too, enjoy garden catalogs and need some inspiration, survey the list below and then contact them to request a catalog:

### Seeds ‘N Such

PO Box 1  
Graniteville, SC 29829-0001  
[www.seedsNsuch.com](http://www.seedsNsuch.com)  
Customer Service: 803.663.1501

### Territorial Seed Company

PO Box 158  
Cottage Grove, OR 97424-0061  
[www.territorialseed.com](http://www.territorialseed.com)  
Customer Service: 541.942.9547

### Adaptive Seeds (all seeds are certified organic)

25079 Brush Creek Road  
Sweet Home, OR 97386  
[www.adaptiveseeds.com](http://www.adaptiveseeds.com)

### Baker Creek Heirloom Seeds

[rareseeds.com](http://rareseeds.com)

### The Thyme Garden

20546 Alsea Hwy  
Alsea, OR 97324  
[www.thymegarden.com](http://www.thymegarden.com)  
Email: [herbs@thymegarden.com](mailto:herbs@thymegarden.com)  
Customer Service: 541.487.8671

### Sebright Gardens (specializing in hostas and irises)

PO Box 9058 or  
7185 Lakeside Drive NE  
Brooks, OR 97305-0058  
Email: [sebrightgardens@aol.com](mailto:sebrightgardens@aol.com)  
Customer Service: 503.463.9615

### Rural Sprout

Rural Spout has 23 seed catalogs you can request for free. Google “list of free gardening catalogs,” then scroll down to “Rural Sprout > free seed catalogs.” The list includes their four favorites:

### Johnny’s Selected Seeds

[Johnnyseeds.com](http://Johnnyseeds.com); phone 877.564.6697  
Diversity of seeds, gardening supplies, watering supplies and hand tools.

### Gurney’s Seed & Nursery Co.

[gurneys.com](http://gurneys.com)  
Often has coupons to save you money. Free shipping coupon within the catalog

### Burpee Seed Catalog

[burpee.com](http://burpee.com)  
Seeds, seedlings, fruit trees, & tons of gardening supplies. Free shipping for orders over \$60.

Gaye Stewart  
Dallas Garden Club



# Executive Committee News



## **1st Vice President: Cheryl Drumheller** **Membership Chairman—Invite, invite, invite!**

Last year was trying due to restrictions caused by COVID-19. We can now say farewell to 2020 and look forward with great anticipation to 2021 and ringing in the new year. As such, we have much to celebrate, like our health, family, and friends.

**We continue to face the COVID-19 pandemic** causing social and at-home restrictions. Yet, even with limitations, we have gained 81 new garden club members in 2019 and 2020! Our membership numbers are currently down, but with your help and determination, we can gain new members.

**Several garden clubs are postponing meetings** and activities due to COVID-19. However, some garden clubs have conducted their meetings via Zoom video conferencing. Zoom meetings present possibilities. Presentations could include offering a wide range of educational programs and speakers on the latest gardening techniques, floral design, conservation, botanical plant names, and more. Other ways of conducting a garden club meeting could be to meet at a community park, a member's backyard, rooms at a church, or a community mall large enough to social distance.

**Soon we will attend garden club meetings**, enjoy friendships, expand our interests, and learn more about bettering our community and the environment. Sharing excitement can lead to recruiting prospective new members and establishing new clubs.

**As a reminder, your club is responsible for notifying me of new members.** In turn, I will send the new member a special OSFGC Welcome Letter. Please provide your new member's name and the district, and club name and date joined. I will include the new members' names starting with the next *Mahonia*.

Membership is the key to personal enhancement, maintaining our heritage, and a lifetime of gardening pleasure. Re-member to invite! Invite! Invite!



# Committee News

## Garden of Distinction Award

This award will celebrate an established garden maintained by an OSFGC club or district. The garden must be accessible to the public regularly; it must have a distinctive feature that is unique and noteworthy.

In June of 2020, the Beaverton Garden Club claimed this prize with their care of the Veterans Memorial Park in Beaverton. Along with a Blue Star Marker, shrubs, and plantings, along with a bench in the gardens where veterans gather to enjoy this special place. Many thanks to the Beaverton Garden Club for their upkeep of this unique garden.

A written nomination is due by **March 15, 2021**.

*Jane Sercombe*  
Garden of Distinction  
Award Chairman

## Gardener of the Year Award

It's that time of year again to select someone as 'Gardener of the Year.' Is there someone in your club or district deserving of such an award? Individuals and/or clubs may make nominations.

On page 62 in our OSFGC Directory, the how's, what, when, and whys are given to nominate a person. The nominations must be submitted to me by May first (1st) and can be submitted by email. A short summary of why you are nominating this person, 3-4 pictures of the garden's development or maintenance, and the candidate's name, garden club, address, and the person submitting the application are all I need.

With some effort, we have the opportunity to honor at least one deserving person at our OSFGC Convention. Our first-place winner will receive a unique and artistic Gardener of the Year flag and a certificate. Second, Third, and Fourth place winners will be awarded certificates.

*Nita Wood*  
Gardener of the Year  
Award Chairman

## Award & Contest Deadlines

Hello garden club members. It's time to turn the page and welcome in 2021 with much enthusiasm and thoughts of new ways to get our garden clubs active again. I'm sure many members spent hours in their gardens and have amazing pictures and stories to share. Hey, what about suggesting a member or group of members create a program presentation sharing stories and photos of their 2020 gardens? How fun and educational that would be and an excellent way to get everyone's juices flowing to start planning their 2021 gardens. Don't forget, appreciation awards can be given for many reasons. I look forward to hearing from you.

Here are our upcoming deadline dates for the first quarter of 2021. More information regarding each award/contest can be found in the state directory, Pacific Region, and National Garden Club websites.

### January 31, 2021

Pacific Region Scholarship Program, Page 28

### February 15, 2021

Garden of Distinction Award, Page 61

### March 1, 2021

National Scholarship Program, Page 28



*Kathy Simmons*  
Awards Chairman

# Committee News



## New State Life Members Welcome!

### July 2019 - June 2020

Joli Root	Santiam District
Sue Martino	Rogue District
Kirk Johnson	Rogue District
Laurie Anderson	Rogue District
Gail Cox	Rogue District
Elaine Cramer	Rogue District
Linda Johnson	Rogue District
Patricia Johnson	Rogue District
Mary Robertson	Rogue District
Debby Simone	Multnomah District
Ann Close	Siskiyou District
Pat Brady	Portland District
Sharon Conklin	Siskiyou District
Jenny Grippando	Siskiyou District
Cricket Soules	Rogue District
Shirley VanDyke	Pioneer District
Barbara Skeels	Pioneer District

*Jenny Dehrens*  
Life Membership Chairman

## Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Happy New Year...

**Smokey Bear** is hibernating now. **Woodsy Owl** has a safe place to nest and is hunting for his meals at night. With the coming of winter, it is also the end of the poster contests. The judging has been completed by now, the posters have been picked up, and the winning posters have been forwarded on for final judging. Once the district finalizes its voting, a winner from each grade level will have been forwarded to me no later than January 10.

**After I receive the posters**, a few of my fellow gardeners will help me do the final voting for the state level. What happens to the winners at the state level? I forward them to our Pacific Region. If any of the Oregon winners' place first at Region, they will be sent to the National Garden Club for the final voting. All awards will be given out at the OSFGC Convention in June.

**Now is the time to start thinking about the next poster** contest this August/September. Who will be coming into first grade? Is there a kindergarten class at the school? If so, start a dialog with the teachers. You could provide the kindergarten teacher with pictures of Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl as coloring pages. This will help familiarize the children with the characters and their conservation messages.

**I feel this is a critical time to teach children about forest fires**, preventing fires while camping, and keeping a campsite clean, and what can be recycled when camping and in our everyday life.

**I am looking forward** to seeing the wonderful posters from all the districts.

*Colleen Foster*  
Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Chairman



# Committee News

## Penny Pines for Oregon Help Reforest Oregon

You are looking for the ideal gift for someone who has everything? For just \$68, you can give the gift of an acre of trees toward the reforestation of the one million acres burned this year in Oregon. You can have an acre given in memory of a loved one or honor a special occasion such as a wedding, anniversary, or "Just Because."

Go to the OSFGC website

at: **OregonGardenClubs.org** and select the Penny Pine Form on the Forms link at the top of the Home page. Follow the directions and send the form and a check made out to the OSFGC, Inc. Treasurer listed on the form. Be sure to indicate **Penny Pines** on the bottom of the check. Once it is processed, you will receive a certificate to give to the recipient.

You may indicate what National Forest you wish to have the trees given to. The trees will be of a type typically found in that forest. The National Forests devastated by the recent wildfires include Mt. Hood, Willamette, Siuslaw, Fremont-Winema, Umpqua, and Rogue-Siskiyou. If you have one of the local Federated Garden Clubs in your area, please contact them. The Clubs are also on the website listed above. OSFGC, Inc.'s goal is to collect enough funds to replant at least 100 acres or more.

Please help us make a difference in our forests in Oregon. It will be many years before our forests are restored to the lush green areas for which Oregon is known. Remember to be good stewards of our public lands.

*Karen Brown*  
Penny Pines for Oregon Chairman

## Promise Trees

OSFGC would like to provide a tree to every homeowner who has lost their home in the 2020 fires—4000 in all! Many of our members have signed up for this project. The Oregon Association of Nurseries, the Oregon Office of Emergency Management, Oregon Senator Jeff Golden, and Katy Lompa from the Department of Forestry are enthusiastic about it. People who will rebuild their homes won't be ready to plant trees until at least this fall or the fall of 2022, so we have time to start fundraising for this vast but worthwhile project. Think about this project when you plan and make up your new budgets. You will hear a lot more about "Promise Trees" in the coming months!

*Tanija*!

## Nominating Committee Step up to the plate!

Our Nominating Committee has been working hard in finding qualified people willing to serve on the Executive Committee for 2021-2023. Three positions are open: 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary. We believe we have two people available and willing to serve as our next Treasurer and Recording Secretary. We still need someone for the 2nd Vice President position. These positions' qualifications are listed in our State Directory on pages 118, 119, and 121.

If you have any ideas for nominees for any of these positions, please contact me as soon as possible. I am confident we have qualified people. The question: are they willing to serve? I do hope so.

*Nita Wood*  
Nominating Committee Chairman



# Committee News

## 2019-2021 State Directory Corrections/Additions

### **Bedinger, Mikel**

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Eugene, OR 97404-3844

### **Cossey, Sherry**

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Eugene, OR 97402-6820

### **Icenhower, Sue**

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### **Kramer, Pat—Eugene Garden Club President**

5427 Austin Way  
Eugene, OR 97402-1469  
Email: Retiredpat07@comcast.net  
Home: 541.688.1256—Cell: 406.459.6573

### **Rettig, Linda**

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### **Schafer, Jimmy**

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### **Verhoeven, Tom**

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### **Weinberg, Nancy**

Capitol District-Assistant Director

### **Wood, Nita**

3125 Link Ct. S  
Salem, OR 97302-9509

## Directory Advertising

Spring will arrive, and with it, the return of our flowers and gardens. Let's be ready for the next OSFGC term 2021 to 2023 and the State Directory with ads from clubs, districts, garden centers, and other businesses.

On the OSFGC website, you will find the two pages needed to submit your ad. The prices remain the same: \$30 for a quarter-page ad, \$50 for a half-page ad, \$85 for a full-page ad.

Please take the current Directory with you to show nursery people what it is and the number of gardeners who will see the advertisement. Mostly, thank those businesses that supported us last year and in other years as well. Thanks, everyone, and all the best for a great growing season.

*Jane Sercombe*  
Directory Advertising

## Forget-Me-Not

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





# Committee News

## Chaplain

*Time cannot steal the treasures  
that we carry in our hearts.  
Not ever dim the shining thoughts  
our cherished past imparts.  
For the memories of the ones  
we loved still cast a gentle glow,  
To grace our days and light  
our paths, wherever we may go.*  
- author unknown -

We will remember you.

*Becky Cook*  
Chaplain

## Book of Remembrance

Those we have lost and honor in the past few months are:

- Walter C. Aman
- Richard Bass
- Diann Conser
- Viola Davis
- Shirley Dyal
- Virginia "Ginny" Hicks
- Mary Lewis-Rott
- K.C. Lynch
- Chuck Niggley
- Jerry Floyd Ruff
- Jeanette Stevens

*Peggy Trees*  
Book of Remembrance Chairman



## *In Memoriam*

### **Lebanon Garden Club SANTIAM DISTRICT**

Dona Townsend, 91, in October 2019, and Betty Gentry-McCown, 92 in March 2020. These two ladies were sisters. Their mother was a charter member of our club, which began in 1936. They were still very active, and both were daffodil flower judges. It was not unusual at the daffodil shows to see many first-place ribbons for Dona and Betty.

Dona grew a plethora of daffodils and was known as "The Daffodil Lady" of Lebanon. She had scaled down, though, and only had 125 varieties of daffodils. In the summer, she specialized in growing dahlias. Dona always donated dahlia tubers to our plant sales in May. She usually brought 100 tubers, which sold quickly. Almost anyone who lives in Lebanon and has dahlias got them from Dona.

*Joli Root*  
Lebanon Garden Club

### **Sandy Garden Club CLACKAMAS DISTRICT**

In early 1972 a group of individuals with a common interest came together to form the Sandy Garden Club. Shirley Dyal is given credit as being the organizer and founder of the Club. Being a natural leader, she was quickly elected as the first President by the chartered members. Many of the organizational principles that developed under her leadership are still prevalent today.

Besides holding various leadership positions in the Club, Shirley was elected to serve in the Clackamas District's various positions, including District Director. She filled several positions at the State level too.

This past May, Shirley had a bad fall that caused paralysis to most of her body functions. On November 30, she left us to play in the gardens in heaven. Shirley was the first and last Chartered Member to be a part of our Club.

*John Ludi, President*  
Sandy Garden Club

# District/Club News

## Lebanon Garden Club

### Year end wrap-up-SANTIAM DISTRICT

We are sad to see that our District Director, Michelle Flamez, has moved away and resigned as our District Director. Our Assistant Director, Aerica Nelson, has stepped up to the District Director position. She has many good ideas and is hoping we can all meet together soon.

The **May tour** was at the home of Angela (a new member). She has turned her back yard into a garden wonderland. We brought sack lunches and sat in the shade, enjoying a warm spring day.

Our **June meeting** was at Santiam Place, a small local event center, and our regular meeting place. Members brought a sack lunch, and hostesses supplied dessert and drinks. The **June tour** was to Oakley's Rose garden, a private garden owned by a local couple, who designed the gardens, planted many beautiful roses, incorporated walkways, and made the iron fencing.



Our **July meeting** was at our Second Vice President, Sharon Swoverland's home. Our speaker was Sharon's next-door neighbor Rick Barnett, who works for Albany Parks. He gave a presentation on urban forestry and plants that grow well in an urban environment. Sharon's shaded back yard created a much-needed respite for a hot summer day.

Our **August meeting** was at our Vice President Linda Ziedrich's home. The topic was edible landscaping. Her entire yard has been turned into a growing space for a plethora of edible plants, proving that you don't have to live in the country to grow vegetables and fruit.

Our **September meeting** was held at President Lynne Neuman's home. We had quite a turnout. Our speaker was Master Gardener Mary Moss-Sprague. She presented a program about her unusual no-dig, no-till, no-stoop approach to growing vegetables and herbs.

She showed us scale models of her straw-bale garden frame and multi-purpose trellis. She also brought a book she wrote called, "Stand Up and Garden." **Joli and Mary** pictured below:



A **harsh September storm** knocked over trees in Lebanon's Ralston Park. One of the trees fell on the rose garden and an arbor that the club maintains. That weekend someone dug up about 20 roses and took them to someone's home. When he was told to put them back, he did not return them to the same spots. It will be a challenge to put them back in the correct place if any survive.

Our **October meeting** was held at Joli Root's home, in the recreation hall at her mobile home park. Carol Porter was the speaker. She gave a talk on the history of the chestnut and how she got involved with starting the NW Chestnut Association. We took our annual October tour of the Detering Orchards Farm Store in Harrisburg. We took a hayride throughout the apple orchards and even got to pick some apples.



Our **November meeting** found us back at Santiam Place for the Thanksgiving potluck. We were served delicious food cafeteria-style and four-at-time for safety. Sadly, due to the recent pandemic shutdown, we decided to cancel our **December meeting**. This is the first time that we have not had a Garden Club Christmas, except for the outbreak of WWII. Through all of this, Lebanon has acquired five new members.

*Joli Root*  
Lebanon Garden Club

# District/Club News

## Lebanon Garden Club

### SANTIAM DISTRICT

#### 2020 Spring Plant Sale—*It's amazing how much we sold!*

Lebanon Garden Club usually holds its annual plant sale on the first Friday in May. Due to the pandemic, we decided to wait until later in May. Our regular place was not available, so Club President Lynne Neuman invited us to have the plant sale at her house. It is situated on a corner and has a vast, paved driveway. It was in the shade and had plenty of room to space tables for shoppers. It is incredible how much we sold just to neighbors driving by.

On the day of the sale, we only allowed a certain number of people to enter the sale area at a time. Also, we requested that people wear masks and social distance. We had such a good turnout, and we made more money than ever before, so Lynne decided her house would be an excellent place for the sale next year.

I'm sure being the only plant sale in town was a big help to us, plus we offered a lot of veggies because more people were into gardening. One member's daughter made wood & steel planters to sell. They were so popular that we had to take orders as we ran out of what we had.



*Joli Root*  
Santiam District Director

## Alsea Garden Club

### SANTIAM DISTRICT

In May, Alsea Garden Club had their annual plant sale. A few of Lebanon's members ventured over to Alsea to support them. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the club picked up some new members. Alsea Garden Club decorated their city park with Christmas lights. They are such a blessing to their community.

*Joli Root for*  
Alsea Garden Club

## Pioneer District

I hope all of you enjoyed the holidays even though they were different. I usually have 25 family and friends over on Christmas Eve. This year, it was just my husband and myself. Though, I did go to my families' homes and deliver gifts. I have 11 grandchildren. Gifts are important when you are a kid.

This year, I had a lot of time on my hands due to the pandemic. As such, I accomplished many things, including sending more cards than I ever had and making some of the cards myself. I've tried more cookie recipes. My house is more organized. I've learned more about my laptop and computer, and I have even been on Zoom and just learned about Messenger.

I look forward to the New Year of 2021. Vaccines are coming, although they may not get to me until spring or summer. That is fine. It is beginning, and that is good.

Our Pioneer District Meeting will be on Zoom in March and April. All of our clubs are keeping in touch with their members. We have lost some members, but we have also gained new members too. We will all be glad to get back to normal or at least a new normal.

*Peggy Trees*  
Pioneer District Director



# Pacific Region

## New Membership Book Available

The long-awaited, Hot-Off-the-Press, "Membership Matters!" Ideas for Growth is now available and filled with contributions from the Pacific Region states. Many pieces of the membership-building puzzle exist within the 110 pages of this book, containing numerous proven-successful tips for inviting, welcoming, involving, and securing new members. There is even a How-to Chapter on "Planting a New Club" with step-by-step instructions.

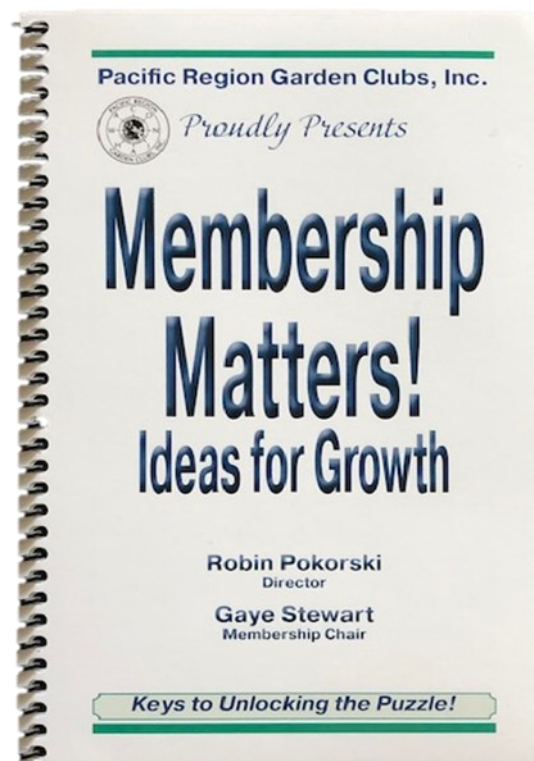
By now, you're wondering how you can secure your copy, right? Here's how:

- The book will soon be available on the Pacific Region Garden Clubs website: [pacificrefgongardenclubs.org](http://pacificrefgongardenclubs.org). It is free to use online or download and place in a small notebook.
- Order a colorful, professionally-printed spiral-bound copy for \$10, plus a \$5 mailing fee by completing the order form shown on the next page (initial printing is limited). Enclose your check made payable to the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs (OSFGC for short).

However you choose to access this vital information is up to you, but please don't delay. If "Membership Matters" to you, the sooner we begin to implement some crucial changes in our behavior, and the sooner we will witness the desired results. Remember the old adage: "Plant first and then harvest."

Thank you for your interest and participation in the vital task of building membership in the Pacific Region or wherever you live. Together, we can do this!

*Gaye Stewart*  
Membership Chairman  
Pacific Region



### Membership Matters Order Form

Send to Gaye Stewart  
761 SE Lynchet Ln, Dallas, OR 97338  
Phone: 503.510.4370  
Email: [RosesRemembered@aol.com](mailto:RosesRemembered@aol.com)

Please send me \_\_\_\_\_ copies. I have enclosed \$10 (plus \$5 for mailing for each copy, unless I plan to pick up the book(s) directly from Gaye Stewart. My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed and is made payable to OSFGC.

Send books to:

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# Pacific Region

## Pacific Region's Workshop Wednesday

### *Presented by Stars from around the country*

This free series of workshops are presented as a benefit of membership to Pacific Region members and their friends. Please join us. The headliner will present their program followed by a 5-10 minute Hot Shot Topic centered on the administrative side of things. Workshops begin via ZOOM promptly at 9:30 a.m. PST. Contact Robin Pokorski, [PRGCDirector@gmail.com](mailto:PRGCDirector@gmail.com), to get on the link distribution list.

#### **JANUARY 20**

Presenter: Tina Tuttle

Headliner Topic: Basic Botany

Hot Shot Topic: How to Deal with Difficult People presented by Robin Pokorski

#### **JANUARY 27**

Presenter: Lynn Fronk

Headliner Topic: Winter floral design (advanced)

Hot Shot Topic: When discussing turns to arguing presented by Robin Pokorski

#### **FEBRUARY 3**

Presenter: Tina Tuttle

Headliner Topic: 7 Plants that Changed the World

Hot Shot Topic: How to set an agenda presented by Robin Pokorski

#### **FEBRUARY 10**

Presenter: Darlene Newell

Headliner Topic: Combination Plantings

Hot Shot Topic: Treasurer's Reports presented by Robin Pokorski

#### **FEBRUARY 17**

Presenter: Becky Hassebroek

Headliner Topic: Increasing Membership

Hot Shot Topic: Email etiquette presented by Robin Pokorski

#### **FEBRUARY 24**

Presenter: TBA

Headliner Topic: TBA

Hot Shot Topic: Motivating participation presented by Robin Pokorski



# Pacific Region

## Invitation to all Pacific Region Members Lil' Moose Garden Club

The first Pacific Region garden club open to ALL Pacific Region members and their friends and neighbors has been established – **Lil' Moose Garden Club**.

We have an exciting *Mooseletter* that will be published periodically, and we'll be listing ALL the club members. Here are some of the officers at their first meeting – setting down the bylaws and guidelines.



**The only garden club where all dues and donations go solely toward the Pacific Region Scholarship Fund!** Why? Because moose are big supporters of furthering the education of all calves. Also, they have no club expenses due to successful foraging and meetings held in the wilderness, your yard, a campsite, middle of the road...wherever they want...whenever they want.

The registration form is attached to this newsletter email! I want to be a part of it – don't you???? **Let's make this THE LARGEST garden club!** To date, we have 10 members, including our NGC President and President-Elect.

### **Lil' Moose GC members:**

- Gay Austin, NGC PRESIDENT!!!, Mississippi
- Jean Engelmann, Nevada
- Becky Hassebroek, Alaska
- Jane McKee, Florida
- Greg Pokorski, California
- Robin Pokorski, California
- Dan Recla, Florida
- Martha Smyser, California
- Brynn Tavasci, Washington
- Mary Warshauer, NGC President-Elect, New Jersey

*Robin Pokorski*  
Pacific Region Director

# Calendar

## 2021

March 22	Spring Board Meeting	Via Zoom
May 17-20	NGC Convention	Rutherford, New Jersey
June 14-17	OSFGC Convention	Via Zoom
August 9-12	Pacific Region Convention	The Oregon Garden-Silverton, OR

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