

Tuesday Thoughts for March 2nd, 2021

My Dear Garden Club Friends!

Today is March 2nd and it was 48 years ago that Andy and I got married in Blaricum, Holland. It was the first Friday of the month and 9 o'clock in the morning... The one time each month that it was free... But we partied the rest of the day! We didn't have professional photographers and the



reception was at my parents home. Coffee in the morning for my coworkers and Alzheimer patients from the Nursing home where I worked as Activity

Director. In the afternoon parents of my friends and business associates of my parents and in the evening our younger friends. Most of them spent the night, because the buses didn't run after midnight. And Andy and I spent the night on the floor under my winter coat...



My parents made this display of horses and an antique wagon with some of our wedding gifts inside.

Our friend the florist made the bouquet.

It was fun and it has been fun for the past 48 years!

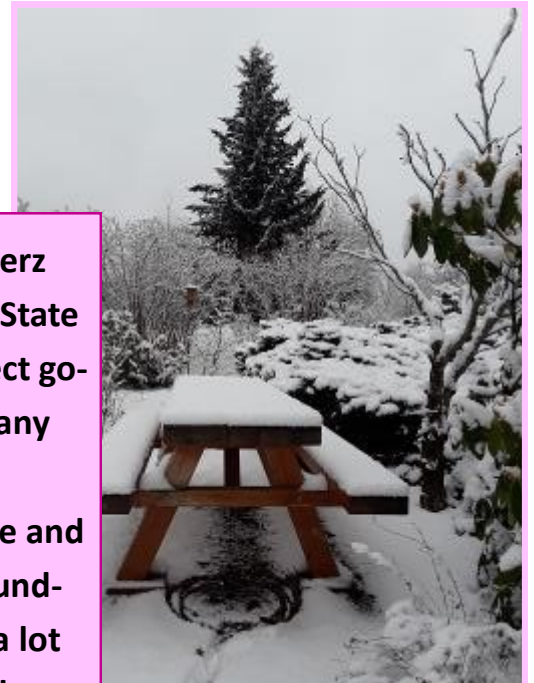


Parkdale Garden Club's "Bicentennial Memorial Garden"

Kathy from Parkdale Garden Club send me these pictures and some of the history of the garden.



Up until 1965, the area known as "the triangle" (formed by the intersection of Baseline Rd and Dee Hwy in Parkdale) had long been an eyesore. It was a swamp overgrown with cottonwood trees, brush and a collection site for garbage. The drop off from the road was deemed dangerous as cars sometimes slid off the curve.



Long time member Janice Merz applied for a grant from the State Garden Club to get the project going. That was the start of many State, National awards and grants. Also, donations, bake and plant sales, teas and other fundraising activities along with a lot of hard work by the club and community members for over a decade, helped the garden become what it is today - a thing of beauty for all to enjoy!

The "Bicentennial Memorial Garden" was dedicated Aug. 15, 1976. Many donations in the form of memorial gifts have helped fund the maintenance and upkeep of the garden along with funds raised by the Parkdale GC.



Isn't this what makes Garden Clubs so wonderful?!

I know that many Clubs take care of gardens or arboretums. Please send me some of your pictures and the story about the garden that your Club or District has been involved in and I will share them in one of my future "Thoughts"!

Sorry this one got mixed up last week, but these are the correct rules.

“Spring is Right Around the Corner”

Design Type: a Featured Design

A Featured Plant Material Design -

a design with an emphasis on **one plant species**.

1. Any part/s of the plant may be used.
2. Other components are subordinate and may be used to enhance the featured plant material.
3. The focus is on the chosen species.
4. The schedule may specify the Design Style and/or plant material to be used.
5. Must use fresh or dried plant material.
6. Plant material to be used is **spring bulbs**.

In a featured design you can use any part of the plant, yes the bulb can be used.

Tulips, daffodils, crocus, etc. as long as its grown from a bulb.

Send me one (1) picture of a design:

Deadline: March 12th

Picture has to have your name, Club, District.

Material used and any other comment. Email to tanjandy@gmail.com

I will forward the pictures to Georgia Zahar, President of the Willamette Judges Council without names and she and her council will judge the designs and think of a new title and appoint another Judges Council to judge the next design. I will publish the winner in the March 16 “Tuesday Thoughts”.

Anyone can enter!

One more thing: Have you been shopping at Amazon lately? Please remember to shop at [Amazon Smile](#) and pick the [Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs](#) as your charity of choice! We would love to report that our organization made some money!

We got our first “jabs “on Friday!!!

So stay Happy and Healthy and Hopeful!

Love from Tanja!