

Tuesday Thoughts for March 23, 2021

My Dear Garden Club Friends!

It is that time of year: **March Madness!** The best college basketball teams play for the National Title. So here is a little basketball story for you. Nothing to do with Gardening, but wait till the end of the story. Actually we aren't following it too much these days but when my daughter was the Sports Editor for the Emerald at the U of O we couldn't help but being updated. Especially about the women's basketball teams.

At that time there was a very good player on the U of O team. Her name was Jenny Mowe and she was amazing. So Mirjam and one of her journalists plus a photographer made the trek to the town she grew up in. The tiny town of Powers in Coos County. Population about 730 at that time. It was a brilliant idea, because in that tiny town everybody knew Jenny. She had been the star of the High school team. So they interviewed her old coaches and the owner of the grocery store. It was one of the three stories that won Mirjam the Oregon College writer of the year award.

So when I first got to know Gaye and Mike Stewart (our president 2017-2019 and our current parliamentarian) they told me that they were high school sweethearts and that they grew up in Powers! I wouldn't have had the slightest idea where that was if it wasn't for that Jenny Mowe story. And yes they knew who Jenny Mowe was, of course!

Jenny owns a bakery in Baker City now and my daughter sometimes orders special cookies from her for her Oregon journalist friends.

It all looks delicious! <https://www.sweetwifebaking.com/>



Andy and I got our second “jab” on Friday. The day after really isn’t fun, but it only lasts a day. My dear friend from Garden Club got hers the same time we did and she felt fine. But just to be sure have extra blankies, tea and Tylenol ready. And have a pot of chicken soup ready to go!

Ready for another virtual flower design competition?

'Shooting for the Moon'. *A Spatial Thrust Design*

Spatial Thrust Design. Handbook for Flower Shows page 75. A Creative Design consisting of two (2) parallel placements of similar components.

1. Emphasis is on two (2) thrusting lines and the space between them.
2. Plant material and/or other optional components may be added to only the outer edges of the thrusting lines.
3. Thrust may be vertical, horizontal or diagonal.
4. If emergence of the thrusting line occurs on different planes, vacant space is not required until both lines appear on the same plane.

If the designer is having trouble & needs to have some examples, they can Google NGC Parallel Design. That might be helpful.

The Siskiyou Judges Council will do the judging. Deadline to enter is Friday, April 16





I took this picture last March. And my Pussy Willow is at the same stage right now, but I haven't seen a bee anywhere around it. I guess it has been too cold?



It's now a year ago that I started to write these "Thoughts" for you. At the time I thought (hoped) it would be for just a few weeks. Actually I started writing "Tuesday Thoughts" when I became President elect and started to update my Executive Committee. Those "Thoughts" were more business like though. (most of the time).

I want to thank everyone who contributed to the "Thoughts" with pictures, stories, art, comments and designs! Your input made it so much more fun.

I loved seeing all our Artists, both floral and otherwise, your flower pictures, and stories about wildlife and so on.

So keep sending me your "thoughts"! Love to see pictures of the gardens you take care of: Leach Garden, Garden of Enchantment, arboretums. Or even the little triangle in your neighborhood that you take care of. They all have stories behind them and they inspire other Garden Clubbers to do something similar. I am sure there are more artists too!

Looking forward to more of your "Thoughts"

Stay Happy and Healthy and Hopeful! Love from Tanja!