

Tuesday Thoughts for April 6, 2021



My Dear Garden Club Friends!

It is April! And Governor Brown declared the whole month of April Arbor month!

I'll attach her declaration to the email. It is especially important because her declaration's first statement focuses on the "devastating Labor Day wildfires." Which connects it to our Promise Trees Project! I want to thank all the Clubs, Districts, Organizations and individuals who already have donated. We have a good start!

You know trees have always been a theme in my life. My birth announcement had a tree with a crib, because my parents thought I would be born on Christmas. (I came early!)

My Dad was a graphic Artist and taught students at our home. Their first assignment always was to draw the same tree in spring, summer, fall and winter. I thought that was interesting.

I showed you last year that I made a whole book about the Forest for school.

Our wedding announcement had a tree on it. 



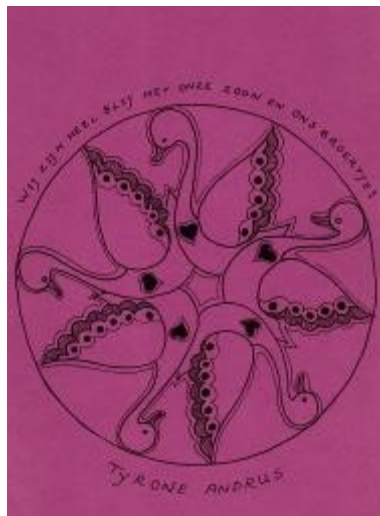
When my daughter was born, again a tree, an apple tree!

And when my son Kit was born his announcement also had a tree,



but also swans.

So for our youngest son just swans....



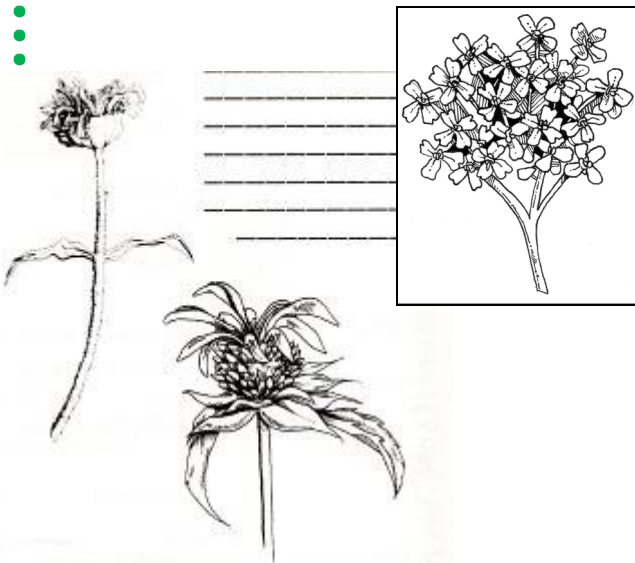
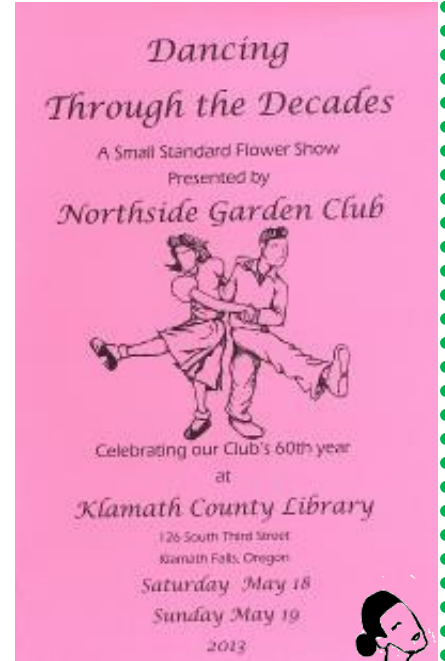
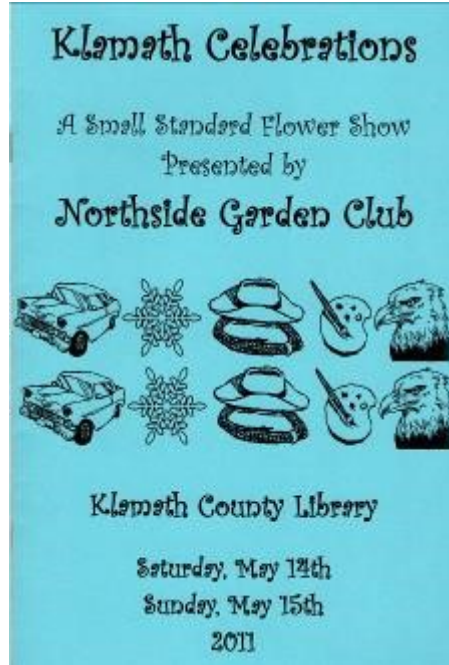
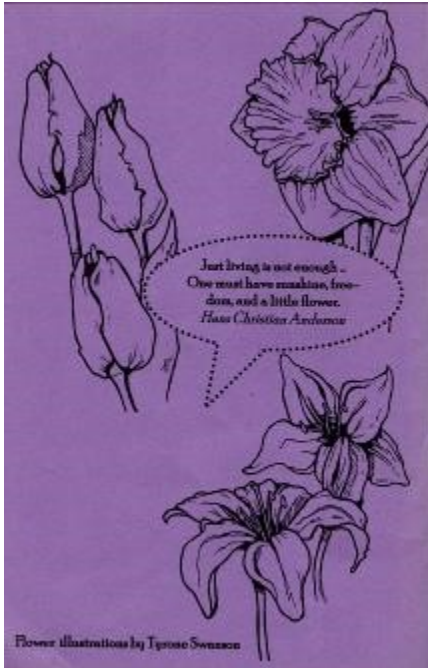
Now I have talked a lot about my daughter, but I have two sons also. And I am just as proud of them and they do adore their sister who is a little older than they are. The two boys were very much involved in my Garden Club.

Kit did some of his first cooking during the Northside Garden Club Bazaar and this maybe motivated him to now be an Executive chef. Our Bazaars were the first of the season on the first Saturday in November at the Fairgrounds. We hosted crafters and of course we had our own things to sell, our famous raffle baskets and we served food. Chris Chance, who was a member of our Club at the time was in charge of the kitchen and we made a lot of money on her chili and baked potatoes, pies and all the other goodies she made. She always joked that it was she who taught my Kit how to cook. But he cooked at a local Italian restaurant and at the Lodge in Crater Lake also. He was privileged to attend the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York. But he also once cooked our whole Christmas Party luncheon for our Club one year.



Tyrone who is my youngest and tallest was a gifted artist since he was two years old! He had so much fun drawing everywhere he went.

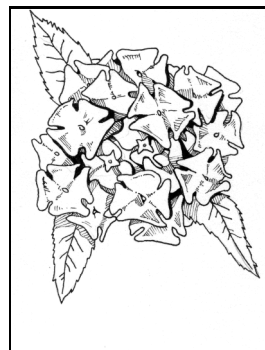
For quite some years he drew all the pictures in our Northside Garden Club yearbooks. We used to have a theme like roses or bulbs or butterflies and for every month he drew a picture. Later he illustrated some of our Flower Show booklets also. Our newspaper at that time let students write stories that they would publish once a week in the paper. I told Tyrone to ask if he could illustrate the stories. So for a year the Herald and News in Klamath Falls published his drawings in the paper.



Wild Bergamot
Monarda fistulosa

Folklore: Used as a medicinal plant extensively by American Indians who recognized four varieties that had different odors. Wild Bergamot was used also as an active diaphoretic (sweat inducer) for ceremonial sweat lodges. A decoction of the herb was made into hair pomade.

Yarrow
Achillea Millefolium



Lantana Carnival
Lantana



The reason I am telling you about the boys is because Kit and his Giuli, had their first baby, a son, Robin Cillian Swanson last week. Born on 3-30 at 3:30 a.m.!

Stay Happy and Healthy
and Hopeful!
Love from Tanja!



'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