



The Mahonia

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

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

From the President's Desk

Dear Garden Club Friends!

As you know, we decided back in January that the OSFGC 2021 Convention was going to be our first "Zoom Convention." You'll find everything you need to register in this issue of the *Mahonia*.

It has been a different year for all of us, but where would we have been without our Zoom account? Without electronics, this year would have been so much worse. There are complaints about attending school on-line, but without Zoom or any of the other platforms, there wouldn't have been school at all. Many of our clubs have met on Zoom and even had programs and invited speakers. Many clubs even added new members during this time!

The board and each club president and a club delegate must attend the convention. Hope to see all your faces in June!

DELEGATE (as written in the OSFGC Bylaws)-Article IX, Section 2a

Member clubs shall be eligible for representation by **two delegates**, one of whom shall be the club president or the elected alternate.

Our current National President, Gay Austin, will open our convention. The 2021-2023 National President, Mary Warshauer, will do the installation on Wednesday afternoon. We'll make it enjoyable!

Mark your calendars for June 14 through June 17. Our new OSFGC President, Cheryl Drumheller, will preside over her first meeting on the morning of June 17.

Hopefully, in the fall, we can have in-person meetings again, but that depends on if everyone gets vaccinated.



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From the President's Desk (continued)

“Light at the End of the Tunnel”

Yes, there is Light at the End of the Tunnel! Actually, my Executive Committee's lights have been shining bright all along. I couldn't have asked for a better team. They all have done such a **tremendous job** during the past year. Where others gave up, they have used their time to get things done.

President-elect Cheryl Drumheller worked on membership forms and packages and volunteered to take notes during all the District Directors' meetings.

Second Vice President Carolyn Olley took about every class she could find on Zoom. She is an expert now on Zoom and many other subjects!

Treasurer Margaret Taylor is always on top of our finances. Our books have been in excellent hands these last two years!

Assistant Treasurer Karen Brown is always there with advice, historic background information, and plain common sense.

Corresponding Secretary Darby Walker has sent out so many emails than ever before and volunteered countless times to do the minutes of all our extra meetings on top of all her other work.

Parliamentarian Mike Stewart has spent hours, weeks, and months fine-tuning our Bylaws.

Our Recording Secretary had to resign because of family health issues. **Jane Sercombe** has agreed to be our interim Recording Secretary. We know what a hard worker she is.

Advisor and former President Gaye Stewart always is involved and ready with her advice. She wrote a whole book and published it! It is titled **Membership Matters**.

I thank them all for their dedication during the last year. I thank all of you for your commitment to our organization!

Promise Trees

In September 2020, Oregon was on fire. A million acres of our beautiful forests burned. Half a million Oregonians had to evacuate, many of them our garden club members. More than **4,000** homes burned. OSFGC members indicated that they wanted to do more than help with immediate needs. They wanted to give each of the homeowners who lost a home a tree. We all know how important trees are in the urban landscape. We call the project: **Promise Trees**.



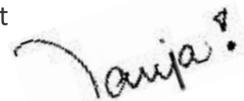
At this time, we are raising funds to hand out \$50 vouchers to affected homeowners. We want to print the vouchers in August and start handing them out in early September. We have partnered with the Oregon Association of Nurseries, Keep Oregon Green, and the Oregon Office of the Fire Marshal.

Various county building departments and county fire marshals have agreed to hand out the vouchers. We started raising money at the beginning of March and at this time have raised more than \$11,000.00. We received generous donations from National Garden Club officers, other state garden clubs and some of our Oregon garden clubs!

Quite a few of our members have signed on to help, but we can always use more help! Thank you.

Send donations to:

OSFGC Promise Trees Project
Margaret Taylor
PO Box 81
Hood River, OR 97031-0003



Executive Committee



Amazon Program-Reminder (Shoppers donating to their favorite nonprofits)



If you shop and click on **Amazon Smile** it works the same as your normal Amazon account. The difference is that **Amazon Smile** will give 0.5 % of your order to the charity of your choice. Now you can choose Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. as your charity! Just use this link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/93-6022190>.

If you already support another charity, it's easy to change or to go back and forth between charities. We didn't have any fundraisers last year without State Board Meetings or Convention. So this is to try to make up for that.

A lot of people do not like to shop on Amazon, but Amazon might as well give us some of the money they make! So, tell your friends and family to also shop **Amazon Smile** for Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

1st Vice President-Cheryl Drumheller Membership

The COVID-19 virus pandemic continues, restricting our social gatherings at garden club meetings. However, Zoom meetings have become quite popular as more garden club meetings are being held through this medium.

From July 2019 to June 2020, membership was 2,275 and ending March 2021, membership was 1,995. That is a decrease of 280. However, during this time, we gained 115 new members! With your help and determination we can gain new members.

The clubs I contacted stated membership growth was due to members' personal invitations and displaying their club brochure at fairs and home shows. Other ideas to consider for membership growth are:

- Send the local newspaper an article of an upcoming event, open to the public.
- Place club pamphlets in doctors' offices, hospitals, cafeterias, and libraries.
- Print club business cards with meeting location, date, time, and your contact information.
- Wear club hats, t-shirts, and sweatshirts in public (a great conversation starter!).

Membership is the key to personal enrichment, preserving our heritage, and a lifetime of gardening pleasure.

OSFGC President Elect Cheryl Drumheller

Hello Garden Club members:

I would like to thank those of you who are continuing as an OSFGC Chairman during my presidency (2021-2023). However, there are a few committees that don't have a chairman. Please review the list below and if you are able fill the position, please let me know.

- Awards
- Blue Star Marker
- Book of Remembrance
- Container Gardening
- Herbs

Executive Committee

2nd Vice President: Carolyn Olley-Zoom Meetings

TIPS AND TRICKS TO KEEP YOU PRODUCTIVE, CONNECTED, AND NOT EMBARRASSED

I have been asked to provide some more tips for getting ready to attend a Zoom meeting. This time I will focus on things to help you the day of the meeting (some things you can do a day or two before if you'd like). Some of you may have experience, so think of this as a review.

Zoom is available for both mobile and desktop users. Participants can also connect with their Zoom meeting hosts directly from a Web browser. The Zoom app is available on all major desktop and mobile operating systems, including Windows, macOS, Android, and iOS.

1. Open **Chrome**. Zoom can also be opened from Firefox, Safari and other browsers.
2. Go to join.zoom.us. Enter your meeting ID provided by the host. Click Join. If this is your first time joining from Google Chrome, you will be asked to open the Zoom client to join the meeting. Complete instructions will become apparent as one starts the process.
3. Adjust your lighting or use a virtual background. Good lighting makes the screen easier to see. You should also check audio level controls on your computer (if you have a hard time hearing your computer's audio, invest in a pair of headphones that you can connect to your computer to enhance the sound).
4. Be aware of your surroundings and adjust your workspace so it is free from distractions.
5. **Please remember to silence your cell phone.** You may also be asked to mute yourself and turn off your video during a presentation.
6. Test your technology by testing the connection (your web camera/video, audio, and screen share). Have the host's contact information handy in case of issues.
7. Be prepared by making sure you have the Zoom meeting ID/passcode/link so you can connect. Test it before the meeting starts - check-in before the start of the meeting. You can work on solving last-minute problems that might occur before the meeting starts, thus not holding up the group. Everyone likes to start on time.
8. Attire is important. Take a few minutes to choose simple clothing that is not distracting. The video display is different than in-person.

I am also going to give you some resources that may be of help. They are from Zoom directly.

ZOOM.US ONLINE TRAINING (ALL TIMES IN PST)

Monday @ 2 PM

Tuesday @ 10 AM AND 2 PM

Thursday @ 10 AM AND 2 PM

Friday @ 10 AM

Live training

Join Zoom experts for free and interactive daily

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/206618765-Zoom-Video-Tutorials>



Executive Committee

Corresponding Secretary-Darby Walker

As your corresponding secretary, I have sent over fifty emails to the OSFGC Executive Committee, Board, District Directors, and Club Presidents. Also, I sent a letter of regret to the Sunset Garden Club from Rogue District on their resignation from the Federation.

For the spring, I will begin working on the 2021-2023 Directory. **District Directors** are encouraged to send information to me by July 15.

1. Check your existing district page for any changes that may need to be made.
2. Please send me the names of your officers, district chairmen and club presidents. Please include address, phone numbers, and email for each person.

Encourage your clubs to send ads to Jane Sercombe, Directory Ads Chairman. Costs range from \$30 for a small ad to \$85 for an entire page.

2nd Vice President—Carolyn Olley Has COVID-19 gotten you down?

It sure made my mood change. I wasn't going "stir crazy," but I missed my garden club friends. I really missed learning new tips and tricks that would make my gardening efforts more successful! Sure, I moaned and groaned about it for a while. Funny, it didn't do any good. I did receive a couple of gardening-related books. Read through them; it helped somewhat. But I was still in a funk. All of a sudden (it seemed like) I was introduced to Zoom. Meetings with Zoom, classes using Zoom, workshops using Zoom, and so on (there are other similar platforms now, too).

Fine, I thought. The kids are using Zoom instead of going to classes at school. If they can do it, I guess this little old lady should give it a try. I did and I like it, too! I took a class and during one day we went from Florida (where the class was held) to Hawaii where we had a tour of a botanical garden that's located there. I ask you: How cool is that!?! I didn't even have to leave the house to do it either and I even got to sleep in my bed that night.

Little old ladies always have advice for anyone who will listen. My advice to ALL of you? Take some time to learn something new! Take a Zoom class or attend a Zoom workshop or meeting. It's worth it! And it can bring you out of a funk.

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Committee News

News Flashes from the Hull Foundation

The Board of the Oral Hull Foundation has voted to change its name to the **Hull Foundation and Learning Center** with a “tag” line of “**For Adults with Blindness and Sight Loss.**” That change is in the works and should be completed very soon. It is based on an amendment to their Articles of Incorporation. Please use the new name when referring to the Foundation.

Sharon Elder, the current Executive Director at the Foundation, will be retiring this year at the end of April. Her replacement has been vetted, interviewed, offered, and, on March 5, accepted the Executive Director’s position. Her work with Sharon began on April 5, and she will be “learning the ropes” with her until Sharon’s last day on April 30. The name of the new Executive Director is Kerith Vance.

More exciting news, this time about the Gardens! Garden club members throughout the state have been asked to help raise \$15,000 to purchase and install a new irrigation system and to pay for major pruning and trimming to get the Gardens ready for this year’s planting. Recently, an anonymous donor stepped forward and donated \$10,000 toward that project. OSFGC has donated \$500 from the Gardens of Enchantment dedicated fund. Please help us reach our goal by donating. Any amount will bring us that much closer to our objective. We are over 2/3 of the way to our goal! Woo hoo! We will still need your help to make the Gardens look fabulous. Hope to see many of you out there! Thank you for your help!

2021 is the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Gardens of Enchantment. There are plans in the works for a party. It is a celebration of all the years of bringing nature and the peace of a garden to the blind and people with sight loss who visit Hull Park. More details will be announced in the coming months. There is still a question as to whether the celebration will be via Zoom or at the park.

*Carolyn Olley
OSFGC, Inc. 2nd Vice President
OSFGC Gardens of Enchantment Chairman*

State Life Membership

A bit of history—I have held this position for ten years. Before me, Jennifer Nash took over when her grandmother, Nancy Fraser, passed away. Jennifer compiled State Life Members records on a zip drive. However, her listing only goes back to 1993. So, anyone who became a Life Member prior to that is not on that list. Records since 1993 are kept by alpha, number, and district.

Needless to say, there are more pink pages in the directory than there are current members. Still, not all are correctly listed. So, we want to start over, toss out the existing pink pages, and list only active paid members in our Directory with the designations for State, Region & National Life.

This will require each club president to check their current roster of State Life and Region Life and National Life members. Make a listing of those Life Members in your club yearbook to keep up to date easily. Please send your list to Tanja and me.

My records will continue to be permanent records. Don’t forget to reward your members with a Life Membership. I’m sure there are members in your club that deserve this recognition. I know COVID has been an issue for clubs, but we only have eight new Life memberships since June 2019.

Thank you for your assistance.

*Jenny Dahrens
djdahrens@gmail.com
State Life Membership Chairman*



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

Penny Pines Challenge Update

Wow! Halfway through the challenge and we've already blown past 100 plantations (our original goal)! We have raised \$7,548 to date. However, it has come to our attention that Oregon will need many more plantations in our National Forests.

It's estimated that donations from the public and private sectors will make it possible to plant trees on half the acres in the region suitable for reforestation by 2040. Only 27 nurseries in Oregon and Washington have been producing 50% of the seedling output. These industries are underfunded to expand production and have difficulty finding labor. And they currently cannot pinpoint exactly how many seedlings of the type needed for a specific region.

Let's continue this challenge until the end of May 31, 2021, as initially projected. This "seed money" will be earmarked for reforestation in **National** Forests in Oregon.

Several clubs have asked about replanting the State Forests. So far, an additional \$136 has been designated for the Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust. But other State Forests are also in need of funds. If your club wishes to make donations for the State Forests, here is where you should send your checks. Send Penny Pines money to Margaret Taylor, OSFGC Treasurer. You may send ODF funds to her, but please have the "To" line read the Oregon Department of Forestry. She will forward the funds collected to the appropriate recipient. Or you may send State Forest funds to:

Tillamook Forest Heritage Trust
Oregon Department of Forestry
Attention: Shawn Morford
2600 State Street
Salem, OR 97310

Donations to ODF may be used for other uses unless designated to "reforestation." Just remember to have the **correct** form with the check. Use a Remittance Form from the State Website for ODF donations and the Penny Pines form for Penny Pines donations.

This has been a significant outreach by OSFGC, Inc. in just a few short months. It may take a few years to begin to see the fruits of the replanting. But within an estimated 20 years, results will be visible.

Lynn Chiotti
Coordinator for the Penny Pines Challenge

Six Terms of Plant Pathology



As we get into the planting/growing season, when we go to the nursery to buy new plants, it might be essential for you to know specific terms. They may be new to you; you may have heard them before; you may have heard them used but not know their meaning; Or, it may just be a review.

This little glossary aims to help.

Avirulence: The inability of a pathogen to infect a particular plant variety that carries genetic resistance.

Blight: A disease characterized by general and rapid killing of leaves, flowers, and stems.

Fungistatic: A compound that prevents fungus growth without killing the fungus.

Necrotic: Dead and discolored.

Protectant: A substance that protects an organism against infection by a pathogen.

Systemic: Spreading internally throughout the plant body; said of a pathogen or chemical.

Carolyn Olley
2nd Vice President
OSFGC, Inc.

Committee News

OSFGC Gardening School

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs is honoring the goal of educating members by providing:

Gardening School Course #2 to be held **May 12-13** virtually. We will be studying:

- Growing Fruit and Vegetables
- Lawn Alternatives
- Irrigation and Water
- Plant Diseases and Pests

Fee = \$60.00

Testing/Refreshing = \$65.00

Send check by May 1, 2021 to

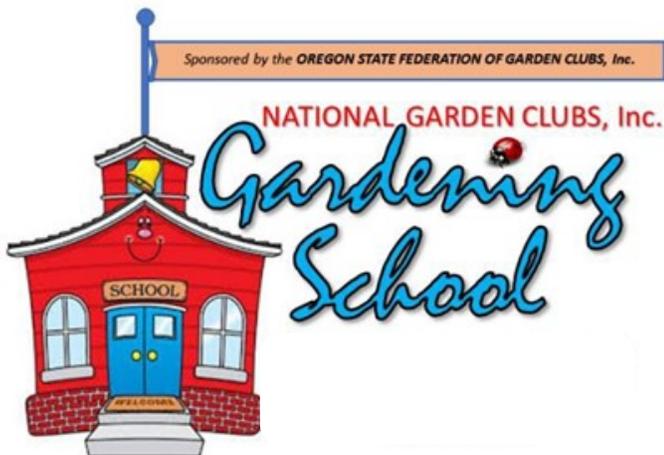
Registrar: Shirley Schmidt
1630 Williams Hwy
Grants Pass, OR 97527
Questions: 541.218.3940

Zoom training will be offered by Robin Pokorski with registration a few days prior to the school for those unsure how to work Zoom.

Next classes:

- Course #3: June 17-18
- Course #4: July 15-16

*Shirley Schmidt
Gardening School Chairman*



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STATE FEDERATION OF GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE



Book of Remembrance

I want to encourage all Districts to remind their club members that for \$10.00 one can donate to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund on behalf of a loved member who has passed away. This donation can be for a garden club member, husband, child or a friend.

Please send me the names of any members who have passed away whether you donate to the Claire Hanley Scholarship Fund or not. We want to honor all who have passed away. Their names will be read at the State Convention (being held via Zoom this year in June), by myself and our State Chaplain, Becky Cook. Send me names of all who have passed away no later than May 15, 2021. If we receive names after that date, they will be in the Book of Remembrance for the following year. Also, since we did not have a convention last year the people that will be honored will be for the 2019 – 2020 and 2020 - 2021 years.

The needed forms can be found on the State website. If you cannot find them, please contact me and I will be happy to send them to you.

*Peggy Trees
Chairman, Book of Remembrance*

Committee News

OSFGC 2021 AWARDS

Newsletters

Norma Curtis, Chairman

1st Place (Club, Class 2A, 50 members): The Cultivator, Dallas Garden Club, Capitol District

Yearbooks

Peggy Schaller, Chairman

Clubs under 20 members (Class I)

1st ---West Point Garden Club---Pioneer District

Clubs 20-29 members (Class II)

1st ---Chehalem Garden Club---Pioneer District

Clubs 45-69 members (Class IV)

1st ---Beaverton Garden Club---Pioneer District

2nd ---Coos Bay Garden Club---Rogue District

3rd ---Villa Garden Club---Portland District

Yearbook Covers Only

Clubs under 20 members (Class I)

1st ---West Point Garden Club---Pioneer District

Clubs 20-29 members (Class II)

1st ---Chehalem Garden Club---Pioneer District

Clubs 45-69 members (Class IV)

1st ---Coos Bay Garden Club---Rogue District

2nd ---Country Gardens Garden Club---Clackamas District

*Kathy Simmons
Awards Chairman*



OSFGC Virtual Photo Contest

Remember to enter your color photos in the virtual OSFGC (Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs) Photo Contest. Digital color photos (**no black and white**) will be accepted until May 31 and the winners announced at the June convention. The contest is open to all OSFGC clubs and their members. There is no time frame for when the photos were to be taken. Share your pictures in the seven categories of Scenery, Gardens, Floral Blooms, Animals, Insects/ Butterflies, Birds, and Presidents Choice of Pets in the Garden. You may enter only one photo in each category—which means you can enter as many as seven pictures in this year's contest.

An entry form for each photo is needed. If you have any problem emailing or downloading the entry form, you may send it by snail mail to me at P. O. Box 159, Merlin, OR, 97532. I'll match it to your digital photo entry.

The rules and entry forms are available on the OSFGC website under Awards and Contests and are also attached to this *Mahonia*. There are no entry fees, and the winners will receive ribbons and certificates. If you have any questions or need copies of the rules or entry form, do not hesitate to contact me at (541)479-5513 or email sierrakr@aol.com.



*Karen Ramsey, Co-chairman
OSFGC Virtual Photo Contest*

Committee News

See, Plan, Plant & Promote

Sunshine is amazing! It doesn't matter whether it comes for a few minutes or a few days at a time before it disappears again. We seem to be revitalized. Perhaps that is true for all of nature because life seems to be "more active" when the sun is out.

We were dealing with an early case of "Spring Fever" just the other day and, while out in the yard, noticed a few more flowers blooming and more birds looking for food while sharing their happy sounds. There were even a few insects... wait, was that a pollinator? By golly, it looked like a pollinator, flew like a pollinator, landed on flowering plants like a pollinator. The only thing missing was the Garden Club Seal of Approval (probably in the mail).

Those of us used to working outside never really stop thinking about our gardens, even when it is pouring rain. Our thoughts might be focused on what we are going to try next, or perhaps we are remembering what we definitely are not going to do again this year because it was a disaster last year. The point is, our minds remain active and engaged in both the "big picture" and the "details" of our gardening.

This same focus should be true of our concern for the pollinators. We could spend a few minutes on the Internet seeking new information on the pollinators between glimpses of sunshine. Who they are, what they like, how they travel, and what we can personally do to make their jobs easier and our gardens more successful. Be sure to make a few notes on the interesting tidbits you discover.

Next, pick up one of the plant and/or seed catalogs that may have recently arrived in the mail. Check out some of the new and interesting plants on the market and pay attention to what is being said about which pollinators seem to be attracted to them. Again, make some notes. It's not too early to place an order or to seek some of those items you saw in the catalog from a local nursery or garden center. Sunshine is just around the corner, so don't delay!

By now, most of us are ready to plant something, anything, as long as we can get it in the ground. Some of the plants we've already purchased may need to remain undercover or somehow protected from the frost a bit longer. Still, there is no doubt that planting time can't come soon enough.

We like to call the next step "Show and Tell" (or "Promote") as that is what needs to happen with all of the information you have accumulated during your research, planning, and purchasing. Others in your club, and those within your gardening sphere of influence, will welcome the information you have to share. If your club has a newsletter, write a report or a short article on what you have discovered about pollinators, their habits, and benefits to those of us who like to eat regularly. If you don't have a newsletter, ask for a minute or two of floor time at your next club meeting and verbally share some of your "new" information or tips.

Follow our "**See, Plan, Plant & Promote**" formula. You will become more aware of your natural surroundings, gain a better sense of nature's "big picture," purchase and plant one or more new varieties of plants that will attract even more pollinators. You, too, can become one of the pollinator "bright spots" in your club when you share your findings.

On behalf of the pollinators, we support "Thank You" for your efforts.



*Jane Sercombe & Mike Stewart
Pollinator Gardens*

Committee News

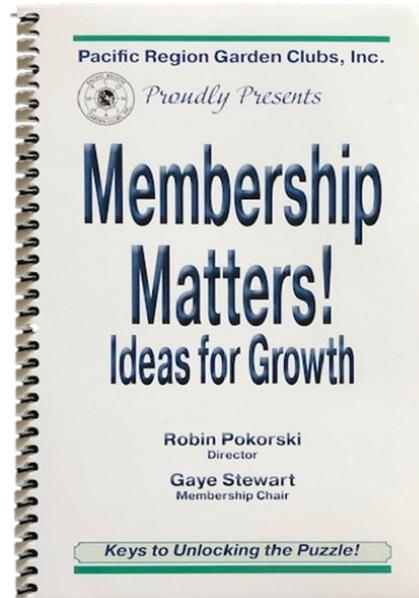
OSFGC's Annual Insurance Report

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. currently purchases three policies:

1. Commercial General Liability insurance policy covers 3/21/2020 to 3/20/2022 through the Philadelphia Insurance company. The annual premium price for 2020 to 2021 was based on the total membership of 2,282 people for the amount of \$2,209. The total membership for 2021-2022 is 1,995 for an amount to be determined, less than last year. This policy insures the OSFGC, Districts, Clubs, and members in good standing while performing garden club activities. Plus added "insured" coverage for the venues/locations hosting events by providing for the legal assistance and settlement costs in the event of a lawsuit involving bodily and/or property damage claims. There have been 18 requests this year for added "insured" coverage.
2. Directors & Officers insurance policy covers the period of 9/1/2021 to 9/1/2022 through the Cincinnati Insurance company for the annual premium price of \$750. This policy insures the OSFGC Board by providing any legal assistance and settlement costs in the event of a lawsuit against the Board for dereliction or violations of policies and procedures.
3. The OSFGC Crime/Theft insurance policy covers the period of 7/1/2021 to 7/1/2022 through the Hartford Insurance company for the annual premium price of \$243. This policy insures the OSFGC for the replacement of loss of money due to theft, fraud, credit card abuse, etc.

The Agent of Record who manages these policies with the Chairperson is Rod Corner with the Great Basin Insurance Agency in Klamath Falls, OR. The State Directory instructions that explain how clubs and members can learn about General Liability coverage are still current.

Andy Swanson
OSFGC Insurance Chairman



Membership Matters Order Form

Send to Gaye Stewart
761 SE Lynchet Ln, Dallas, OR 97338
Phone: 503.510.4370
Email: 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: _____

State Convention

Proposed changes to the OSFGC Bylaws

In accordance with Article XVI (Amendments), Section 1, a number of proposed bylaw amendments will be presented to the Delegates of the 93rd Annual Convention for their consideration. Prior to the convention, each Board Member and Club President will receive (via email) a copy of the current OSFGC Bylaw document with the proposed additions noted in **RED** and the proposed deletions noted in **BLUE**.

To assist with the Convention discussion, a Summary of the Proposed Changes has been prepared and is included with this notice. Please read the summary carefully and then watch for the full bylaw document so you will be prepared to identify any of the proposed changes you think should be considered individually. The presentation of the proposed changes, including ample time for questions and discussion, will precede the delegate voting.

As a reminder, the Bylaws may only be adopted, or amended, at an Annual OSFGC Convention with advance notice and a two-thirds vote of those registered and voting, or by a unanimous vote, if no prior notice is given. If you are a Board Member or a Convention Delegate it is important that you be present at the State Convention Zoom Meeting to discuss the proposed changes and to cast your vote.

Mike Stewart
OSFGC Parliamentarian

Summary of proposed changes to the OSFGC Bylaws

- 1. Housekeeping** - Changes are being proposed in format, capitalization and/or punctuation in several sections of the current bylaws to improve communication without changing the original intent of these sections. The changes are noted in the complete OSFGC Bylaw document that will be emailed to Board Members and Club Presidents prior to the Convention. Unless there is an objection, housekeeping changes will be discussed and voted on as a single item.
- 2. Article IV, Section 2 Non-voting Membership** is expanded to assign the three non-voting classes of membership (Affiliates, Youth Gardeners and Judges Councils) to a District in order to encourage communication.
- 3. Article VI, Section 1 b. Appointed Officers** is amended to include the Assistant Treasurer (if needed) and **Section 1 d. Insurance** identifies the coverage that is to be in place to protect OSFGC Officers and Directors.
- 4. Article VI, Section 3 b. The First Vice President** expands the role of the First VP, as Chair of the Membership Committee, to include, “monitor District membership and receive requests for Club dissolution;” **Section 4 b. The Second Vice President** expands the role of the Second VP to “be the liaison between the Board and the Non-Voting Member Groups.”; **Section 6 b. and c. Corresponding Secretary** adds more detail to the role of the Corresponding Secretary; and **Section 7 b. Treasurer** gives more detail on how the Treasurer pays bills and **Section 7 i.** designates the Treasurer as the Chair of the Finance Committee.

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State Convention

Summary of proposed changes to the OSFGC Bylaws (continued)

5. **Article VI, Section 8 Parliamentarian** designates this person as the Chair of the Bylaws Committee.
6. **Article VII, Board of Directors and Executive Committee adds a new Section 5** that states “A required, or called, meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee or of a Standing or Special Committee may be conducted in any manner that will permit members of these respective groups to fully participate in deliberations and vote.”
7. **Article VIII Eligibility of Officers:**
 - Section 1** clarifies that the term of **Treasurer** is limited to four (4) consecutive years;
 - Section 2** states the **President** “shall have: (a) served as President of a Garden Club or as a District Director; and (b) served a minimum of four (4) years on the OSFGC Board of Directors, two of which as an elected officer.”
 - Section 3** states the **First Vice President** “shall have: (a) served as President of a Garden Club or as a District Director; and (b) served a minimum of two (2) years on the OSFGC Board of Directors.”
 - Section 4**, states the **Second Vice President** “shall have served as President of a Garden Club or as a District Director.”
8. **Article IX Convention, Section 1 b.** adds language to clarify how to hold a Convention in the event of an emergency.
9. **Article X Elections, Section 1 b. Nominees for the Nominating Committee** is expanded to put the Districts, who are responsible for having a candidate on the ballot, on notice that they are to come to the Board meeting following an election with the name of a qualified person from their District.
10. **Article XI Districts, Section 1 d.** adds a sentence to explain when the Board meetings occur.



State Convention: Registration Form 1 of 2



Registration Form

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.
93rd Annual Convention
June 14-17, 2021

"Oregon Strong: Kids, Community and Creativity"

Please **print**

Last Name _____

First _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Club _____ District _____

CREDENTIALS: For quorum purposes check all that apply

- _____ OSFGC Officer
- _____ District Director
- _____ Former State President
- _____ OSFGC Committee Chairman
- _____ Club President or elected alternate (1st Club Delegate)
- _____ 2nd Club Delegate

Other: Check all that apply

- _____ Alternate Club Delegate (if needed)
- _____ OSFGC Committee Member
- _____ Nat/Pacific Region Officer
- _____ Convention Volunteer
- _____ National Life Member
- _____ Pacific Region Life Member
- _____ Oregon State Life Member
- _____ Affiliate member
- _____ Flower Show Judge
- _____ Non-Voting Member
- _____ First Time Attendee
- _____ Guest

Please scan and email **both** registration forms **before June 7** to:

Darbyfornow@gmail.com

Or mail to:

Darby Walker,
2613 NW Crossing Drive
Bend, OR 97703-6704

State Convention: Registration Form 2 of 2

All meetings by Zoom. All attendees are requested to fill out registration form before June 7 to be emailed or mailed to Darby Walker Darby Walker, 2613 NW Crossing Drive Bend, OR 97703-6704

BLUE MEANS THAT ALL VOTING MEMBERS NEED TO ATTEND

Indicate which sessions
you plan to attend

June 14-17, 2021

Oregon Strong: Kids, Community, and Creativity

Monday June 14

2:00-3:30 p.m.

6:30-7:30 p.m.

Monday, June 14

2:00-3:30: OSFGC Board Meeting (Officers, District Directors, active former Presidents, chairmen and members of Standing and Special Committees) APPROVE BUDGET

6:30-7:30: Memorial Service/Life Membership/Membership Growth

Tuesday June 15

10:00-11:30 a.m.

2:00- 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 15

10:00-11:30 (All OSFGC Board members and Convention delegates)
Opening of Convention, Gay Austin: National President 2019-2021

Business Meeting

Short reports by Executive Committee

Treasurer's Report/share approved budget for 2021-2022

2:00-3:00 Continue Business Meeting

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES (discuss and vote)

Wednesday June 16

9:30-11:30 a.m.

3:00-5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 16

9:30-11:30-Business Meeting Continued

Nominating Committee Report, Election of Officers

Committee Reports (All will be published in The Mahonia unless approved by the President for presentation at meeting.)

District Directors Reports

Program: Plant Oregon with Nature Playgrounds

3:00 Awards

Speech by Outgoing President

Installation of new District Directors and State Officers

By Mary Warshauer National Garden Club President 2021-2023

Remarks by Newly Installed President Cheryl Drumheller

Formal closing of convention

Thursday June 17

10:00 a.m. -12 noon

Thursday, June 17

10:00 -12:00 OSFGC Board Meeting with new President Cheryl Drumheller presiding

To organize the new Board, ratify Presidential appointments, select the printer for the new State Directory and elect a Nominating Committee.

DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

PIONEER DISTRICT

I am so glad that spring is here for many reasons. It feels so good on sunny or mild days to be out in the yard raking my leaves, cutting up fallen branches, and pulling out the ever so persistent unwanted ivy and blackberry bushes. I still need to clean my pots to get ready for the perennials to come up and the annuals to be planted. I always seem to kill some plants in the process accidentally. I am learning all the time.

Another reason that I am happy for spring is that so many people are getting their COVID vaccines. I had my second one last week. That gives me hope. And, we are moving closer to meeting in person for programs and field trips. I miss you all so much.

Our Pioneer District Garden Clubs have been staying in touch. Clubs have phone trees where all members have been called during this past year of isolation. Sending cards through the mail have increased also.

Zoom meetings are working great for many clubs. My club is having a speaker from the Backyard Bird Shop next week on Zoom.

Marilyn Ellis, OMN, CIG Master Naturalist, and Robin Hood Garden Club's President has many topics to choose from. She will be giving a presentation at our Pioneer District Meeting in April on, "Let's All Sing Like the Birdies; How the Birdsong Inspired the Great Composers, and how they still inspire us today."

"A small green frog
On a big brown log;
A black and yellow bee
In a little green tree;
A red and yellow snake
By a blue-green lake;
All sat and listened
To red bird sing,
"Wake up, everybody,
It's spring! It's spring!"

Author Unknown

*Peggy Trees
Pioneer District Director*

Fuchsias

As an officer of The Oregon Fuchsia Society, I've been asked to speak many times, so I'm going to cover what I do with in ground fuchsias this time of year.

Fuchsias do not require a lot of care in the ground, but they have a couple of important needs...Location, location, location. No, I'm not selling real estate, but this is the most important. If you want your fuchsias to bloom and bloom well, they need sun. I push the envelope on some in my garden to 6 plus hours, but 2-4 hours is a good target for sun exposure. Low light conditions will reduce the blooms.

Second most important-fuchsias do not like wet feet. Do not site them in areas that collect water or are soggy all of the time.

Now that you've looked around your garden to find areas that need filling, here is what you do: Fuchsias come in many sizes, so it's a good idea to know how big it's going to get before you put a 5-foot plant into a 2-foot hole. You won't be happy and neither will the plant. Check the plant tag. The plants should be gallon sized or larger, well rooted and damp before transplanting. Plant them deep, like a tomato-at least 2 inches lower than in the container. This is best done May-June or September-October.

In March, after danger of extreme cold weather, I cut all the fuchsias to 6 inches and rake the beds to clear leftover winter debris. I pull any mulch away from the crowns of the plants so they will warm in the sun. I mulch them not because of winter cold but for water retention in the heat of summer.

In mid-March I apply a slow-release fertilizer that contains low to no phosphorus, as we already have way too much in our soils. At the end of May I do a second application of fertilizer and a couple of weeks later about 3 inches of mulch. Stand back and watch the show, water a couple of times a week in hot weather. Fuchsias will bloom non-stop on new wood from start in May-June until freezing weather takes them down.

Check out oregonfuchsiasociety.com and Facebook for information on our upcoming events.

*Sue Randell
President of the Oregon Fuchsia Society*

DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

McMinnville Garden Club

PIONEER DISTRICT

I am happy to report that our club has found an outdoor covered venue where we can resume our monthly meetings on the third Monday of the month starting in April. We will meet at the Yamhill County Fairgrounds in McMinnville; it's been more than a year and the large outdoor space will allow us to socially distance and follow the health guidelines.

Another positive report is that our club has decided to go forward with our 20th anniversary Garden Tour & Faire on June 27. We have four beautiful gardens to tour and 80 vendor sites for the Faire held in our historic downtown. Please mark your calendars because you are all invited to come spend the day with us!

Betty Ballentine, President

Tigard Garden Club

PIONEER DISTRICT

Tigard has chosen to put COVID on the back burner and move forward. We continue to enjoy our monthly Zoom meetings.

Meetings also include our own resident instructor, Master Gardener Carol Tracy. She gives us helpful gardening tips for each month. She has even adopted out some of her developing Mason bees and adds extra zip to each regular gathering. Our jigsaw and book exchanges also keep members in touch with each other. If any of you have an interest in joining our Zoom meetings, your presence is welcomed. Contact our president, lynn_stevens@comcast.net.

Although fundraising activities are on hold, members have been supporting some very worthy causes via personal donations. We've raised over \$300 for **Bethlehem House of Bread**. This organization passes out food boxes to those in need. Donating money allows them to purchase needed items at extremely deep discounts from the **Oregon Food Bank**. Another favorite cause is the **Penny Pines** project. Thus far we've funded five plantations and are well on our way to the 6th. Given last year's horrific fires, we can't support them enough.

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It's hard to get a good garden club down. The newsletter recognizes so many bright spots in other clubs as well. It's gratifying to know that even in these unusual times, we can provide a touch of beauty in our surroundings. Bravo to all of us for continuing to GROW in today's difficult "soil."

*Marilyn Isaac
Tigard Garden Club*

Plant Sales

Beaverton Garden Club 13th Annual Plant Sale

St. Cecilia Catholic School Parking Lot

5105 SW Franklin Avenue

Off 5th Street - Beaverton

When: May 15, 2021

Time: 9am-2pm

1000+ Perennials, Trees,

Shrubs, Veggie and Herb Starts,

Potted Containers

For more information contact:

Lydia Holden—Email: lholden627@yahoo.com

We will follow COVID safety precautions.

PLEASE WEAR MASKS



Columbian Garden Club Plant Sale

When: Saturday, May 1

10am-3pm

Where: Corbett Fire Hall

36930 Historic Columbia River Highway
Corbett, OR

DISTRICT/CLUB NEWS

Dallas Garden Club—CAPITOL DISTRICT

Need \$\$\$ for your club? We wanted to raise money to help with the purchase of a Blue Star Memorial Marker for the Dallas Pollinator Garden at the local post office. We were well on the way to reaching our goal of \$2,000 with grants, donations, and proceeds from an earlier “Jam and Jelly” fundraiser. In exchange for a donation toward this project, a small wooden crate holding two half-pint jars filled with various jams and jellies was offered.

Everything we have tried so far had seemed to work, but we still need more. During a brainstorming session the idea of having a jewelry sale was suggested. We could ask everyone in the club, and even some of our friends, to donate their unused jewelry. We would then have a one-day sale. After further discussion, we decided to add scarves, belts, and other items to give a little more variety. Before we were done, our “jewelry sale” had suddenly become a “jewelry and accessory sale,” with a catchy promise of “something for everyone.”

Event flyer. Chris Rupp, Dallas Club Treasurer and the “brains” behind this project developed a colorful event flyer. It was then emailed to club members, posted in public places, placed on the club’s Facebook page. Good old “word-of-mouth” advertising was also used. The donations flooded in and were sorted, grouped, and priced. Soon, the whole space was filled with great items priced very reasonably.

An interesting side-note: one out-of-state garden clubber found out about the upcoming sale from reading our monthly newsletter. She asked that we let her know about any native jewelry or items with turquoise that would be for sale. We did have several things that fit her description. After exchanging emails and sending a few photos taken on a cell phone, she made a purchase. She sent us a check for the items selected, their postage, and even a tip for our efforts.

The sale was held on February 6 and netted us \$772 toward our Blue Star Fund—it put us “over the top.” The paperwork for the marker is now being processed, and our dedication is planned for November 11, 2021. Besides earning the extra money that we needed, the sale provided club members a new purpose and an opportunity to contribute and interact with one another outside of our monthly club meeting. And it was FUN!

New ideas, activities, field trips, special speakers, and FUN always seem to energize and engage our current members. Attracting new members is often a bonus. Try this idea, or something similar, with your own twist...You’ll like the results!

Gaye Stewart



**The
BIG**

RAFFLE

**Raising Funds for
Programs for The Hull Foundation
for the Blind and the
Portland Oaks Bottom Lions Club,
for those in need of vision care!**

- 1st Prize** **Value \$1000** - Oregon Rockaway Beach House – 2 nights, Sleeps 8 *some dates are excluded. See prize page for additional details attached.
- 2nd Prize** **Value \$600** - Handmade, original, one of a kind, outdoor, metal fountain sculpture by artist, Jim Miller
- 3rd Prize** **Value \$500** - 6 Hour use of Indoor, Heated 42'x24' Pool and picnic area for up to 16 people at Hull Park in Sandy, OR
- 4th Prize** **Value - \$200** - Minimum 12 bottles, assorted wine
- 5th Prize** **\$200 Cash!**

Ticket Cost: \$10 each 3 for \$25 8 for \$50

Ticket Sales February 1- April 30, 2021

We are a tax deductible 501 (c) (3) nonprofit EIN 93-6032742

- Pay via Credit Card call 503-668-6195** **Pay via Mail**

Make check payable to Oral Hull Foundation, PO Box 157, Sandy, OR 97055 - Only 2500 tickets available

Once info is received, we will enter the number of tickets, noted, in the drawing!! You will receive a receipt form us. Make sure to add contact info below if mailing!

Name: _____ Date: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ST _____ Zip: _____

of tickets: _____ Paid by check # _____ Amount: \$ _____

Your name, number of tickets and contact info will be entered into our Raffle drawing!

Drawing held -10:00 am April 30, 2021 at the Hull Foundation office. **Need not be present**

MISCELLANIOUS NEWS

The **BIG** RAFFLE



1st Prize Value \$1000 - Oregon Rockaway

House – 2 nights - The home is three levels with open beam ceilings, Italian quarry tile on the main floor and an eclectic mixture of furniture. The two upstairs bedrooms have a king and queen bed, and the bunk room sleeps 4. We supply all linens and towels. We have a wood stove, but firewood is not provided. Open kitchen with all amenities and seating for 8 plus.

Outdoor fun space has horseshoe pits, fire ring with picnic tables, a creek, footbridge, and woods on the property and an easy walk of 125 yards to seven miles of a safe and clean beach area. It is on a private road and runs from the house to high tide. Some dates are excluded.

2nd Prize Value \$600 - Handmade, original, one of a kind, metal structure by artist, Jim Miller. This three-tiered stacking fountain would be a great addition to any outdoor or garden area. It is made of premium grade metal material (electric pump not included.) The fountain is intended for outdoor use and is sure to make a statement in your yard. Made of high-quality iron. Size: 3'x3x3'



3rd Prize Value \$500 - 6 Hour use of an Indoor, Heated 42'x24' Pool and Picnic area for up to 16 people at Hull Park in Sandy, OR. Some dates excluded.



4th Prize Value - \$200 - 12 bottles of wine



5th Prize \$200 Cash!



We are a tax deductible 501 (c) (3) nonprofit EIN 93-6032742

Need not be present to win!

REGIONAL NEWS

Connecting in a Kaleidoscope of Colors

Connect with old & new friends at the 78th Pacific Region Convention.



August 9 - August 12, 2021

Oregon Garden & Resort, Silverton, Oregon

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

Walk or ride through acres of beautiful gardens.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Pacific Region Convention in August. We will wait till June 15, 2021, to make the final decision on whether to move forward with the Convention.

If we feel we can move forward, then everyone will receive **new registration forms after June 15**. If we decide to move forward please fill out the forms as soon as you can.

Please be patient. We want everyone to feel safe and be healthy. If you have any questions or concerns, please give us a call or email.

*Robin Pokorski
Pacific Region Director*

Calendar of Events

2021

May 17-20	National Convention	Virtual-Zoom
June 14-17	OSFGC, Inc State Convention	Virtual-Zoom
August 9-12	Pacific Region Convention	Silverton, Oregon

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