

Tuesday Thoughts for May 11, 2021

My Dear Garden Club Friends!

Just a few more of these “Thoughts” will come your way... And I want to thank you for all you have contributed over the last 14 months. Your stories, your pictures, your designs! This is what I was hoping for, a place to connect while we had to stay home.

There are a lot of pictures and stories that didn't make it into the “Thoughts” and I am going to go back and find some of your treasures.



From Beverly Seibel:

Her husband has been making flowers, butterflies and fountain stands out of used horse shoes

They had hoped to sell some at their plant sale that was cancelled due to virus. Well perhaps this year?!





At the Oregon garden 4-9-21

Friendly bird wouldn't fly away! I got several photos of him!

Bev Law

What we missed this past year

My favorite project is helping residents at our local Summit Springs Assisted Living facility plant amaryllis bulbs in pots for indoor blooms. We do this in early November so the bulbs will bloom by Christmas. We probably won't do this project this year as the facility is still in "lockdown". Perhaps we can plant the bulbs in pots at our homes and then deliver them to the facility. I am not sure if that will be allowed or not. Time will tell. Stay safe and well.

Sharon Hamner Condon Garden Club

What we missed in Pacific District was our annual August flower show

Karen Brown

Salmon River Garden Club

How **not** to grow watermelons

I grew watermelon plants from seeds given to me by a dear friend. I took most of them to our 'by appointment only' plant sale. I planted mine in big pots with potting soil. I protected them from spring frosts and watered them as much as possible. A member from our Garden Club planted hers in soil in her garden. She reports they are getting quite large. Next year my watermelon plants are going into good old garden soil despite our short growing season

Sharon Hamner



The larkspur came from seeds I bought at a District Garden Club meetings years ago. I finally decided to plant them directly into the ground and they came up! I am a member of the Condon Garden Club and our club is part of the Blue Mt. District.



Some more Wild life stories:

Yesterday, just when we thought the coyotes must have decided to go live elsewhere, they let us know that they are very much here. We have a busy road just above us. Yesterday, there was an emergency somewhere and emergency sirens going from there for maybe a half hour. The coyotes hidden in shrubbery howled vigorously in response! Howwwwoooo!

And adorable quail - always just up our road in a covey - are like deer in that they must see or feel a car coming, their clue to run across the road. We love the way they run and we always pause so we are sure to not hit them.

We ordered a trailer load of filbert shells to spread on our gardens, instead of bark dust. We liked the look and were told they would deter slugs. Well, the squirrels could t believe their good luck! First, they had dinner on leftover nut pieces in the shells in our trailer. Then when spread, the shells kept the squirrels scampering across our deck and peeking around corners to see if now was a good time to have a snack. We had not anticipated them.

Norma Piper, Clackamas District

High Hopes from Oakridge

The chamber of commerce approached our club before this all (covid) started. They are planning a fall garden harvest in Oct.(providing we can still hold it). They had the idea to plant pumpkins all over town. We have packaged up 225 packets of seeds with instructions on how to plant them. We started out with 165 which went fast so had to do more. The chamber was able to get compost to give away to plant them in. The response from the community has been great. The chamber put a Garden Club post on their website and many have responded with pictures of their own gardens and questions. We have put out an open invitation for all to join our club so we're hoping to have some new members. We are going to do 2 demos at the festival on decorating pumpkins. There will be demos on how to cook or preserve them. We will also have a mushroom grower who will take people into the forest and show how and when they can be harvested. Pie baking contest, and a farmer's market and many other things. We are excited about the project and hope that it won't have to be canceled.

Fran Tierce



Beverly Seibel shared these beautiful pictures of some of the flowers in her wonderful yard in the Willamette valley this week.

I hope she will enter some of them in our Photo Contest. This



year all virtual! No mounting or anything, just email them to Karen Ramsey! Instructions on the web site!

Here are the categories:

Scenery

Gardens

Floral Blooms

Animals

Insects/Butterflies

Birds

Presidents Choice: Pets in the Garden



Love to see your pictures! Send them before may 31st!



Here is my kitty in the garden.

Thanks again for all your contributions! Don't forget to sign up for our Convention! Forms are on the website... Still time to enter the last virtual design contest! And of course "Stay Happy and Healthy and Hopeful!" Love from Tanja!

May Design

Jazzy

A Creative design

Due May 28

A Creative arrangement uses restraint in the amount of floral material and other components used. It uses non traditional containers with multiple openings and plant material in creative unusual ways.

The Portland Judges Council will do the judging.