

## Tuesday Thoughts for May 4, 2021

Hi Everyone,

It is an honor to write for Tanja's "Tuesday Thoughts." I am writing this on a day that had spectacular weather in Estacada. I hope you all enjoyed similar. It began with a beautiful sunrise, enough to help us all realize the gift of this earth on which we live.

The sun shone most of the day and had me out in the flower garden, watering, weeding, fertilizing and spreading crushed filbert shells around my most treasured plants, including many hostas. You probably know what is explained on the package, that these shells deter slugs that don't like to crawl over the sharp edges. I like that a lot, plus I like the look of the shells in flower beds; they are a nice, light brown color.

I have an announcement: There is a fundraiser coming up for Tanja's Promise Trees Project. Last fall in Estacada, we came very close to being swallowed up by the Beechie Creek Fire. Many of you experienced the wildfires in other parts of Oregon. We personally were evacuated for eight harrowing days, but were able to return to untouched property. Many others lost their property in these wildfires.

That experience for me and other artists showed itself in our art. It is awesome to paint from feelings of fear and memories and also gratitude. I've done several pieces, as has a dear friend, Emma Hartman. Her work and mine will be on display for show and sale August 28 and 29 here at my studio. One-half of profits will go to fire relief through the Promise Trees Program. Please save the date and contact me for further information. I hope to see you for the fundraiser.

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"I didn't realize my fear until I painted those. Being so close to wildfires and having the wind blowing strongly our direction was terrifying. I don't know how popular paintings on that subject will be, but I couldn't deny my feelings." - Norma Piper



Emma Hartman painting

The paintings will be For Sale August 28 and 29, 2021 at Norma Piper's studio!



Norma Piper doing her favorite thing

September  
2020  
Oregon was  
on fire.



Fellow  
Oregonians lost  
their homes,  
their life's mem-  
ories and their  
neighborhoods.

The Oregon State Federation of Garden  
Clubs want to help families find hope!  
Giving \$50 vouchers for a “fire resistant” tree  
or shrub to qualified homeowners  
who are rebuilding.

Contact: [tanjandy@gmail.com](mailto:tanjandy@gmail.com)

Mail donations to:

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



Thank you Norma for contributing to this weeks "Thoughts". Norma got the chance "to take over" because she knew the answer to a question I asked during the last District Directors/Club Presidents Zoom meeting. The next District Directors/Club Presidents Zoom meeting is on May 21 at 10 a.m. Someone else will get a chance to either write the whole "Tuesday Thoughts" or tell me what to write about. But you will have to attend the meeting!

Please print out the Promise Trees page and make copies and hand out to anyone who might be interested!

My son sent me an article from the New York Times this weekend about the abundance of tulips in New York City this year. I wonder if anyone of you had the same experience in Oregon? As always I am amazed about all the blooming trees and flowers in my yard and the neighborhood. It goes from daffodils to blooming trees to an explosion of colors everywhere!

I hope you all enjoy the beauty around you as much as I do.

Stay Happy and Healthy and Hopeful! And Please get vaccinated so we all can meet again without worrying! 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.