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From the President's Desk

“Promote our Pledge, Protect our Pollinators”

Promote our Pledge: “I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land and wildlife.”

Conserve natural resources could mean:

- Decrease water when showering. Use the dishwasher when there is a full load.
- Turn off the lights, television, computer, and printer when not being used. Use LED light bulbs since they require less wattage.
- Use renewable energy such as solar panels or wind energy.
- Composting enriches the soil, reduces water usage.
- Use reusable grocery tote bags instead of plastic bags.

Protect our Pollinators: Here are a few ideas you can take to protect pollinators in your community:

- Practice integrated pest management strategies to limit the use of pesticides.
- Plant native flowers in the home, school, or community gardens to support a diversity of pollinators.
- Choose plants that allow for a continuous bloom to provide pollinators access to food sources.
- Provide nesting places for bees.
- Plant milkweed for monarch butterflies.
- More than 90 percent of native grasslands have been used for crops and development. As grasslands disappear, it creates problems for pollinators.
- Spread the word on social media about the decline of pollinators.

My special project as your new State President, is “Plant Pollinator Gardens in the home and the community. “

My challenge is for each club is to plant two pollinator gardens during my two-year term. That would be 72 clubs X 2 = 144 new pollinator gardens! You choose the location. Look around your town, and you will find the best place for a pollinator garden.

Cheryl Drumheller
OSFGC, Inc. President 2021-2023

New Executive Board Installed



**“Promote our Pledge,
Protect our Pollinators”**

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NATIONAL AWARDS

Linda Nelson Bentson Scholarship: Kimberly May Ortiz

Member of Honor: Jane Sercombe

Club Yearbooks: 1st Place—Beaverton Garden Club—Pioneer District (45-69 members)

PACIFIC REGION AWARDS

Member of Honor: Jane Sercombe

Newsletters: 1st Place—Dallas Garden Club—Capitol District (2A)

Yearbooks: 1st Place—Beaverton Garden Club—Pioneer District
(3D; 45-69 members)

3rd Place—West Point Garden Club—Pioneer District
(3A; 20-29 members)

Honorable Mention—Chehalem Garden Club—Pioneer District
(3B; 45-69 members)

OSFGC Awards

Walter and Marian Allen Membership Award (*Cheryl Drumheller, Chairman*)

The district with the most increase in membership: 1st Place—North Coast—21%

The clubs with the most increased membership:

1st place	Dallas Garden Club	Capitol District	33 members
2nd place	Lebanon Garden Club	Santiam District	9 members
3rd Place	Coos Bay Garden Club	Rogue District	6 members

OSFGC Awards

Member of Honor: Jane Sercombe

Clair Belsher Historic Preservation Awards (Peggy Olin, Chairman)

Northside Garden Club Klamath District
(Preservation and beautification of the Baldwin Mansion landscaping project)

Garden of the Year (Jane Sercombe, Chairman)

The Connie Hansen Garden Lincoln City, OR

Gardener of the Year (Nita Wood, Chairman)

1st	Gaye & Mike Stewart	Dallas Garden Club & McMinnville Garden Club
2nd	Nell Harrison	St. Helens Garden Club
3rd	Yolanda Moser	Beaverton Garden Club

Suzy Twist-Powell Designer of the Year (Shirley Schmidt, Chairman)

2020 Jeanette Benson
2021 Joan Burkett

Heart Award: Wally & Karen Brown

Newsletters (Norma Curtis, Chairman)-Club; Class 2A; 50 members

1st *The Cultivator* Dallas Garden Club Capitol District

Scholarship (Trudie Bason, Chairman)

This student has received funding for an academic year at Oregon State University:

Kimberly May Ortiz

District Members of Distinction

Capitol District	Linn Hilderbrand
Clackamas District	Laurel Buncak
Klamath District	Lois Gray
Mt. Hood District	Naomi Frisbie
Multnomah District	Linda Shamp
Pioneer District	Phyllis Finger
Portland District	Duane Duvall
Rogue District	Kirk Johnson
Siskiyou District	Mike Zerwer

OSFGC Awards-continued

Yearbooks (Peggy Schaller, Chairman)

Clubs under 20 members

1st West Point Garden Club Pioneer District

Clubs between 20-29 Members

1st Chehalem Garden Club Pioneer District

Clubs between 45-69 members

1st Beaverton Garden Club Pioneer District
 2nd Coos Bay Garden Club Rogue District
 3rd Villa Garden Club Portland District

Yearbook Cover (Peggy Schaller, Chairman)

Clubs under 20

1st West Point Garden Club Pioneer District

Clubs between 20-29

1st Chehalem Garden Club Pioneer District

Clubs between 45-69

1st Coos Bay Garden Club Rogue District
 2nd Country Gardens G.C. Clackamas District



Woody Owl Poster Winners (Colleen Foster, Chairman)

1st Place Winners (\$10 award)

Aliah DeVries	2 nd Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club
Clare Sanders	4 th Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club
Lexie DeVries	5 th Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club

2nd Place Winners (\$5 award)

Daniel Porter	2 nd Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club
Ellie Clark	4 th Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club
Reese Ramage	5 th Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club

3rd Place Winners (\$3 award)

Hadee DeGregorio	2 nd Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club
Arlington Johnson	4 th Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club
Abigail Birchard	5 th Grade	North Clackamas Christian School	The Habitat Club

Photography Contest Winners

Animals

1. Elaine Cramer	Coos Bay Garden Club	Rogue District
2. Victoria Fuller	Beaverton Garden Club	Pioneer District
3. Lynda Demsher	Grants Pass Garden Club	Siskiyou District

Birds

1. Pamela Zaklan	Grants Pass Garden Club	Siskiyou District
2. Victoria Fuller	Beaverton Garden Club	Pioneer District
3. Lavon Ostrick	Northside Garden Club	Klamath District

Floral Blooms

1. Lynda Demsher	Grants Pass Garden Club	Siskiyou District
2. Yolanda Moser	Beaverton Garden Club	Pioneer District
3. Beverly Seibel	The Five Oaks Garden Club	Pioneer District

Garden

1. Barbara van Doorninck	Beaverton Garden Club	Pioneer District
2. Beverly Seibel	The Five Oaks Garden Club	Pioneer District
3. Judi Barkley	Salmon River Garden Club	Pacific District

Insects

1. Patty Boynton	Eugene Garden Club	Willamette District
2. Gretchen Blanchard	Coos Bay Garden Club	Rogue District
3. Yolanda Moser	Beaverton Garden Club	Pioneer District

Pets in Garden

1. Barbara van Doorninck	Beaverton Garden Club	Pioneer District
2. Pamela Zaklan	Grants Pass Garden Club	Siskiyou District
3. Sharon Swoverland	Lebanon Garden Club	Santiam District

Scenery

1. Carlotta Lucas	Ashland Garden Club	Siskiyou District
2. Connie Bishop	Jacksonville Garden Club	Siskiyou District
3. Mary Ann Rogers	Villa Garden Club	Portland District

Best in Show

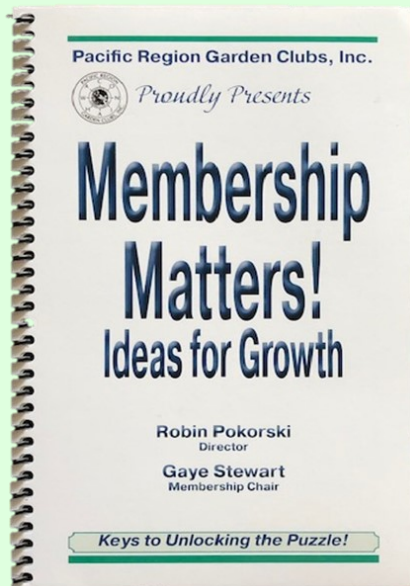
Carlotta Lucas	Ashland Garden Club	Siskiyou District
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Executive Board

1st Vice President: Carolyn Olley

As your new First Vice President, my primary responsibility is to be your Membership Chairperson. We have a lot to do! Our goals have to be “**to retain and expand our membership.**” I say “we” and “our” because this has to be a team effort. I can’t do it without your help and support.

During the last term, Gaye Stewart put together a book of ideas on attracting and retaining members. Most clubs should have a copy of it by now. Some Districts bought them for each of their clubs. Those *Membership Matters* books are an excellent tool for us to use. If you don’t have one, they are still for sale at \$15 each (\$10 book + \$5 postage). If you still need one, let me know, and I’ll see what we can do to get you one.



I expect we’ll learn some new things during these next two years. I’m sure we’ll make some new friends, and I hope we’ll make a *lot* of new friends.

I’m looking forward to seeing many of you, and meeting a lot of *new* people!

Corresponding Secretary: Darby Walker (2019-2021)

Instead of exploring Nature Parks, the Executive Committee was meeting electronically from our homes. My responsibilities included the roster for the directory, name-tags, contact lists, spreadsheets, correspondence, and endless, non-stop emails. After the convention, emails from Darby Walker should be few and far between. I’ll leave the future correspondence to Cheryl and Patty.

Thank you to our President Tanja Swanson, who calmly adapted to these rapidly changing times.

As the parks closed and horrific fires occurred throughout the state, Tanja shifted her focus from parks to replanting our homes and forests. She’s an amazing woman, as I’m sure every member of Klamath District has known for a long time.

And one more thank you...to my ancient HP/Pavilion laptop that has not failed as I added “just one more” contact list.



Committee News

Blue Star Marker: Nancy Ebsen, (Chairman, 2019-2021)

I am still trying to get the following planted markers rededicated:

- #6: Washburn State Park-moved to Monroe South Benton Museum in 2020
- #17: Biggs Junction-moved to the Deshutes River recreation area in 2020
- May 2021: #71 North Plains Byway marker moved from the fire station to a newly created veteran's park

Markers to be planted and dedicated:

- Dallas Post Office: November 11, 2021
- Bly in Klamath District-June 14, 2022

Penny Pines: Lynn Chiotti, Chairman

We did it! As of June 1, 2021, OSFGC, Inc. has raised over \$11,152 towards Penny Pines for our National Forest re-planting, and donations are still being counted as they come in.

What does this represent?

164 Acres of trees at 1,500 per acre = 246,000 trees. That is nearly two times our original goal.

Well done, Garden Club members and friends.



Membership: Cheryl Drumheller (Chairman, 2019-2021)

The COVID virus continues to put a damper on our social life. We are asked to wear a mask and social distance. However, garden club members are returning to their meetings and activities while abiding by the restrictions. Membership is so vital to the existence of our garden clubs. It is what keeps our Clubs and Districts going. The 2020-2021 Annual Membership Report is listed below:

- The largest Club has 95 members, and the smallest Club has 2 members.
- There are 14 Districts. The largest District has 15 Clubs with 527 members, and the smallest District has 2 Clubs with 41 members.
- Total membership for 2019-2020 was 2257. The current membership for 2020-2021 is 2,043. That is a difference of 214.

Seventy-eight new members joined during 2020-2021. Clubs that dissolved were: Wilark Park G. C., Santiam District, Sunset G. C., Rogue District, Bly G. C., Klamath District, Madison Avenue Task Force, Santiam District, Night Crawlers G. C., Multnomah District.

I would like to recognize garden clubs that have an increase in membership. These clubs have invited friends, relatives, neighbors, or people they have met at Home Shows, plant sales, or nurseries. The Walter and Marian Allen Membership award was created in 2017 to acknowledge the District with the most significant percentage increase in membership. The award this year goes to North Coast District with a 21% increase in membership.

Another award recognizing membership increases goes to the three Clubs with the highest number of new members. They are:

- Dallas Garden Club--Capitol District--Highest number with 33 members
- Lebanon Garden Club--Santiam District--Second highest with 9 members
- Coos Bay Garden Club--Rogue District--Third-highest with 6 members

Continue the excellent work as you invite prospective new members to your club meetings or activities.

Committee News

Life Membership: Jenny Dahrens (Chairman, 2019-2021)

This year a new State directory will be printed. The **pink** pages in our directory list the people with State, Pacific Region, and National Life membership(s). The new directory will list **only current** members with those Life Memberships.

District Directors and Club Presidents, we need your help! This requires each club president to check their roster of paid current members. We need a new listing indicating those with life memberships. Please include the District, club name, and a contact person when you send those alphabetical listings. Please send it to Tanja and myself. We only want CURRENT member information for each directory printing after a new President is installed.

My records are permanent. I keep memberships by number-year, alphabet, and District. So I am sending District records to each District Director. I do not have records by Club.

Now, let us recognize our new State Life Memberships this past year:

Sharon Conklin	Lauree Winfield
Jenny Grippando	Sonya Rose-Hoatson
Cricket Soules	Bob Disher
Shirley Van Dyke	Karen Ramsey
Barbara Skeels	Mary Walstrom
Judi Blank	Stephanie Ratcliff
Paula Dembroski	Linda Davis
Peggy Trees	

In addition, this year, we recognize Pacific Region Life memberships for Joanne Johnston and Wanda Baker.

National Life memberships since 2019 are Vivian Chelstad, Cheryl Drumheller, Bruna McBride, and Peggy Trees.

Our life members are the ones that keep our Garden Clubs alive.

Fall State Board Meeting

Blown Away in Hood River!

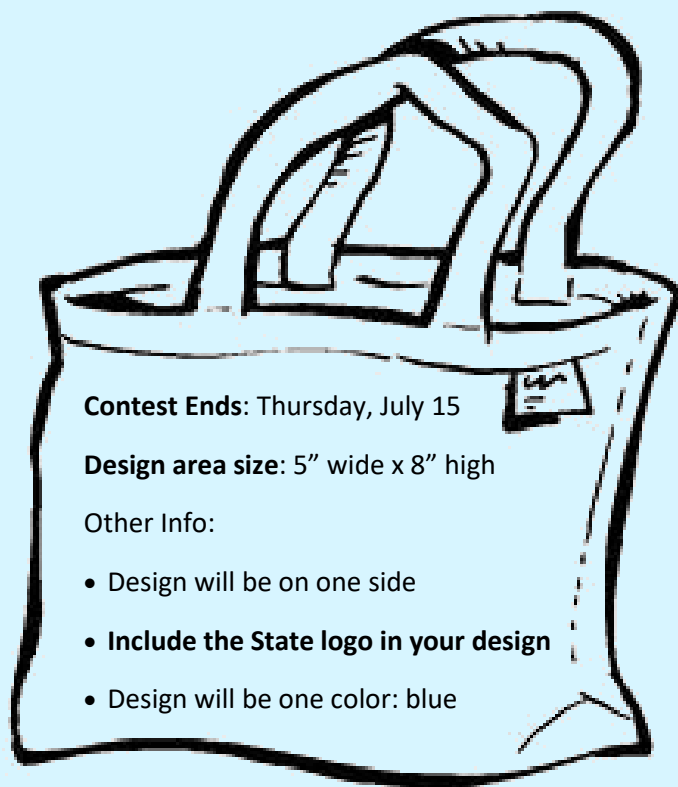
When: October 11, 2021

Where: Best Western Plus
1108 East Marina Way
Hood River, OR 97031-2378
Phone: 541.386.2200

Hosted By: Mt. Hood District

****More Information, including registration information coming soon**

Reusable Grocery Tote Bag Contest (Reminder)



Contest Ends: Thursday, July 15

Design area size: 5" wide x 8" high

Other Info:

- Design will be on one side
- **Include the State logo in your design**
- Design will be one color: blue

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl: Colleen Foster (Chairman, 2019-2021)

Last year we learned all too quickly how fire spreads and merges. On June 29, due to the tinder-dry conditions, Portland Fire & Rescue issued an immediate ban on the use of all fireworks. Portland is joining a growing number of cities across the Pacific Northwest to prevent the dangers to life, property, and the environment.

I know the kids will not completely understand why there will be no fireworks this year. Yet, look at this as an opportunity to explain the ban and help educate them on the loss of our great outdoors, life (people and animals), air quality, and beauty around us.

With COVID, we have been masked, and have practiced social distancing. But now Governor Kate Brown has rescinded all remaining COVID restrictions effective June 30, 2021. What does this mean? It means people will be headed to the great outdoors. How can we continue to protect ourselves from wildfires?

PREVENTION-PREVENTION-PREVENTION...BE PREPARED!

The first thing to know, Oregon is in a drought year, which means it is too easy to start a fire, and due to the drought, more acres will be burned.

In 1933, the Tillamook Burn was over 330,000 acres. This was the worst fire in the state until 2020, where 541, 444 acres were burned and over 4,000 homes were lost. This year we are still in a drought and, along with it, record heat waves. Add wind to this, and you are on your way to an intense raging wildfire.

We must help educate families, neighbors, and children of all ages about Smokey Bear's motto, "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."

Keep Oregon Green.com has great educational activity sheets, and coloring pages, along with videos for kids to watch. Let's not forget that the US Forest Service website (fs.usda.gov/learn/kids) has information for kids too. Including Woodsy Owl. **Prevention is the key.**

What must you be aware of when in the forests or parks? At home or work?

- 1.Weather Conditions
- 2.Restrictions
- 3.Wildfire prevention

Here are a few links that can assist you in preventing fires from happening.

- <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/fireprevention.aspx>
- <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/fire/Pages/CWPP.aspx> (This link will provide videos, grants, fire programs)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gW4ojYJtGbA> (This is about a 26 minute video)
- Smokey Bear's Campfire Safety Guide: <https://www.oregon.gov/odf/documents/fire/CampfireChecklistEnglish.pdf>

2021-2023 Districts Directors

Welcome and thank you for taking on a great role in our Garden Club communities.
(14 Districts and 70 Clubs)

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District/Club News

Blue Mountain District

The three clubs in Blue Mountain District are still alive and well. They paid their dues to OSFGC this last year and maintained some communication with members. As District Director, I did my best in keeping all members informed of the State's activities.

Condon Garden Club: Has several active members even with the stress of COVID. Sharon Hamner entered several floral designs in the online flower show, also entered in the Photo Contest. The club held a plant sale in May. The Main Street Park is looking beautiful as ever. A new bench was installed.

Milton-Freewater Garden Club: Has been meeting a bit here and there. Recently, a new bench was installed at Olinger Park in Milton-Freewater, and the "Yard of the Month" program has restarted and a new sign made



for the yard's advertisement.

They have also elected and installed Officers for the 2021-2022 year.

- President: Gerry Seagrave
- Vice President: Linda Meier
- 2nd Vice President: Lore Azahares
- Secretary/Treasurer: Connie Vinn



The Umatilla-Hermiston Garden Club: Has not been active to date.

*Cece Delfs
Blue Mountain District Director*

Clackamas District

Clackamas District is comprised of eleven clubs. The following are some Club reports:

Happy Valley Garden Club

We meet twice a month on Zoom, including "social time," a program, horticulture, and business meeting. Meetings averaged 16 members per meeting. Our club also extended a helping hand to members in need, with cards, home visits, and tending to watering plants when members were hospitalized.

Posy Pickers Garden Club

Our last regular meeting was on March 10, 2020. We are a small, close-knit club of 15 members, some of whom are not tech-savvy. Keeping in touch via phone calls, greeting cards, etc., was essential to all of us.

We gathered in the park for a social distance sack lunch affair on a lovely fall day in September, and we had Zoom gatherings through the winter. In May of this year, we had our first in-person outdoor gathering. We will begin having formal club meetings in June.

Sandy Garden Club

Our club has two new members. Both are friends of a club member who invited them to our March meeting. One has a large yard and garden and likes to play in the dirt. The other has a small garden and desires to attract mason bees, butterflies, and birds to her garden.

Wilsonville Garden Club

We have 66 members, with ten being new in the last year. We took care of the library rose garden during 2020, pruning, fertilizing, and enjoying eight members outside in the sun, rain, and cold. We developed a Facebook page and left information in AI's and other garden stores. We started meeting outside in January, in the Charbonneau Pavilion, where we had an annual meeting, free lunch and good times for two hours, face masks and all. February was in the Pavilion with a landscape designer. In March, we moved inside for an excellent talk by a private beekeeper, an amazing woman! May was at an outside meeting about rose care. July is our annual meeting, with change of officers, and pot-luck desserts will be provided by a local bakery.

*Norma Piper
Clackamas District Director*

District/Club News

Capitol District

Our current clubs are Salem Area Garden Club (S.A.G.C.), Grow and Show Garden Club (G.S.G.C.), and the Dallas Garden Club (D.G.C.). The following is our collective response:

1. What are you most proud of despite COVID (as it relates to your club)?

- **S.A.G.C.:** We were able to maintain our friendships that have developed over the years due to our club.
- **G.S.G.C.:** We managed to communicate with all of our members at least twice per month with our Newsletter, monthly email club meetings, and contact by phone.
- **D.G.C.:** We were able to conduct most of our regular garden club activities on schedule. Wearing masks and maintaining social distance was a challenge, and we did have to cancel our November meeting because of COVID, but the addition of Zoom helped us fill the gap.

2. How did your club meet?

- **S.A.G.C.:** Our regular meeting space was closed and we were unable to meet. We did have one outdoor meeting in a public park with a speaker, two guests.
- **G.S.G.C.:** We met through our monthly email, which required input for a chance to enter the drawing for our door prize. It was very successful because winners had an opportunity to talk one-on-one with the member who delivered the prizes. Plus, our new club president personally called each member to get their input on email questions, and their ideas for the “next steps” following the sudden death of our club president, who was also our District’s Co-Director. Our members felt they were being included in the ongoing conversations and club planning.
- **D.G.C.:** Except for one month, our meeting site was never closed to us. However, we did substitute using Zoom on several occasions. Instead of car-pooling events, we created “bring your own self” (B.Y.O.S.) events that still permitted us to have field trips and other outside activities on a regular schedule. We did have a good representation of our overall membership involved in all activities.

3. How did you retain existing members?

- **S.A.G.C.:** Unfortunately, several of our regular members have moved out of the area. The remaining members are still interested in having a club. We are planning for a better meeting experience in the fall.
- **G.S.G.C.:** We were generally successful in retaining our existing members because of our unique ways of including them.
- **D.G.C.:** We haven’t been able to retain all of our members. One of our goals is to make sure we have fun at our meetings.

In addition to the above, as a district, we continue to ask ourselves, “How can we do a better job of caring, sharing, and communicating among our three clubs?” The answers to that question are still evolving. This is a bold undertaking for our district, and it promises to be fun. Fun, by the way, is quickly becoming the standard by which we choose to measure our club’s success in reaching out to each other and our communities. You too are invited to join us, if you are available. It will be fun...we guarantee it!

*Gaye Stewart
Capitol District Director
2019-2021*

District/Club News

Klamath District

Though the year started off slowly in July of 2020, our members have risen to the occasion.

Evening Primrose

Using social distancing and masks, we have met and shared programs throughout the pandemic. We also planned and started a beautification project at the triangular corner of Eberlein and Avalon Streets. In addition, three members have been added to the roster.

Northside

We have been meeting via Zoom and in person at the park when the weather allows. We have also started a "Sunshine Award" that goes to a member each month in recognition of "all that you do" and, in addition, started "Pass the Bouquet" to members that were shut-ins and others that were unable to do Zoom. These programs have been uplifting and very rewarding. With the fair season quickly approaching, floral design will be an upcoming program. Through word of mouth and brochures passed out earlier in the term, Northside registered eight new members this year!

The District is alive and well and looking forward to in-person meetings, fairs, flower shows, the potato festival, and great camaraderie with friends and the public.

*Joanne Johnston
Klamath District Director
2019-2021*



Northside Garden Club giving a Sunshine Award



Delivering "Pass the Bouquet"



Evening Primrose Garden Club made these cute wreaths and placed them in city areas.

Lebanon Garden Club

Lebanon Garden Club is strong and active. Through the pandemic, we have found creative ways to meet and continue our monthly activities. We have had many meetings outside at members' homes or a rented event hall with many spaced tables. The greatest news to share is that we have added nine new members to our club since last Spring. These new members have jumped right in to be part of our activities.

One of our civic projects is to work with the city to maintain the rose garden in Ralston Park. A heavy wind storm this past fall took down a massive tree which damaged several rose bushes and a beautiful arbor. The city cleaned up the damage and gave us a budget to replace the lost roses. We planted six new rose bushes and replaced the arbor with a sitting bench. The city has been very supportive of the garden needs and appreciates our time to weed and maintain the roses.

The first full weekend in May, we were able to hold our annual plant sale. The profits maintain our budget for the year. Even with a very rainy Friday, staunch Oregonians came and bought. We even gained two new members who came to buy plants and joined on the spot. It has become an event where even neighbors and friends donate plants to be sold. Members brought plants from their gardens and greenhouses; several local nurseries gave us plants and shrubs to sell. One creative member made garden theme flags that sold very well.

Our club has tried to have fun tours several times a year, but we have not done this since going to Deitering Orchards this past fall. We are planning a lunch tour of Alsea Thyme Gardens and a private rose garden tour in June.

We look forward to more membership growth and fun times.

*Lynne Neuman
President of Lebanon Garden Club*

District/Club News

Lebanon Garden Club

We are having fun again!

So far, we've re-toured a private rose garden out in the country from Lebanon. It was a unanimous request from our members who had been there last year. Since we have so many new members, we thought it was a great idea!

Mike and Peggy are so hospitable. Peggy is the master stoneworker, while Mike is the master ironworker, rose planter, and propagator.

He was telling us that his grandmother was instrumental in his love of roses. He even showed us a red rose that was willed to him by his grandmother.

Over the years, he has taken cuttings from that particular rose bush and given them to all his children and grandchildren. Below is a picture of an array of vignettes and even a hobbit house.

*Joli Root
Lebanon Garden Club*



Multnomah District

Multnomah District held its last Executive Committee meeting in September in Betty Bateman's backyard. At that meeting, we decided to suspend District meetings until summer or fall due to the pandemic. Several of our clubs have met occasionally and have kept up fundraising to fund their scholarships and projects.

Columbian Garden Club gathered responsibly in September and October of last year and by Zoom in April of this year. In May, they held a very successful plant sale to fund their financial support for Leach Botanical Garden's Horticulture Intern Scholarship, Blue Star Marker Program, National Cemeteries, Penny Pines, and Promise Trees project.

Powell Valley met four times indoors once and outdoors three other times. They sold plants to each other and funded their \$500 scholarship to a Barlow High School graduating student. In May, they planted their plot at the Gardens of Enchantment with annuals they purchased.

Petal Pushers could not meet but will be holding their first gathering on June 13 in a member's backyard. They also planted their flowers and plants in their Gardens of Enchantment plot this month.

We are very proud of our clubs and their accomplishments and very thankful they have survived this sad time, more or less in good spirits and ready to get on with life after our hibernation.

*Carolyn Elsten
Multnomah District Assistant Director
2019-2021*

District/Club News

Pacific District

The Pacific District held its Spring District Meeting on Wednesday, June 9, with seven members attending the lunch at Connie Hansen Garden in Lincoln City. Our District had not met since the fall of 2019. The officers from the current term agreed to be nominated for the new term, and the ballot was passed unanimously. During the District meeting, it was decided that the District would host a flower show this August, though on a smaller scale than previously held. It will be at the Panther Creek Community Center.

It was also decided that one of the activities that have drawn the most participants in the past was our Progressive Picnic/Garden Tour. It should be scheduled to bring our District together and will be held in September.

Salmon River Garden Club struggled over the summer of 2020 to get together. In September 2020, a meeting was set to take place in the yard of a member's home. But then the fires broke out, and all of us were under evacuation orders. We were able to meet in October, but very few members could attend.

Our first meeting of the year was held on April 9 at our Panther Creek Community Center. We made some plans for meetings for the summer and elected officers, most serving again from the previous term. In May, we met at the Otis Garden for some severe garden clean-up. We then retreated to a spot behind the Otis Post Office, where we enjoyed sack lunches and a meeting.

Ocean Spray Garden Club met at Jenny Dahren's home in May to have a "Dig Party." Members brought plants dug from their gardens and worked in Jenny's garden to donate plants to the survivors of the Echo Mountain Fire. The plants were delivered to the "Landscaping with Love—Otis Strong" team's greenhouse and were welcomed and prepared for distribution. Ocean Spray also took a nursery trip into the valley in May. In June, they will be holding a potluck lunch at the Connie Hansen Garden.

Our friends at Depoe Bay have been prevented from meeting at their clubhouse since last March and have not yet gotten together for a meeting. They are planning to meet soon.



*Judi Barkley
Pacific District Director
2019-2021*

Siskiyou District

The Pandemic had so much shut down here in Southern Oregon. To make it more of a problem, we had other significant issues. We had three major fires at the same time. We are still dealing with the aftermath of these too. No clubs were meeting, and you couldn't make plans to do anything.

Central Point was scheduled to put on the District Meeting, and we were all ready, even had the venue reserved. Still, with the shutdowns and limited attendance being allowed, we finally had to cancel it altogether. It just wasn't going to be cost-efficient, and too many people were not going to come.

Some clubs are meeting in person now, but most are not doing so yet. We are finding age is becoming a problem too. Many of our members are in their 70's and 80's and cannot do the physical activities they once did. Planning tours are becoming limited as many things are gone, gardens and nurseries, etc.

I've been exploring new ideas and talking with members about them to see what their interests are. One idea I came up with is edible landscaping, and there is a lot of ways to look at this.

Another thing I do is post lots of pictures on Facebook of flowers, landscapes, and National Parks. I wish more people were on Facebook with me to share. There is so much to see that is new to us. In the Siskiyou District, we have Siskiyou Signal that comes out quarterly. We also share each club's newsletters to stay in touch.

Like everyone, I will be so glad for things to get back to some normal, but in the meantime, share and keep in touch however you can.

*Lou Nally
Siskiyou District Director
2019-2021*

Promise Tree Quilts

Nicole Sanchez from Klamath District made these beautiful quilts and donated them to the Promise Trees Project. Deadline to buy tickets is September 1.



Tickets \$5.00

Mail checks made out to OSFGC to:

Tanja Swanson

227 Ewauna Street

Klamath Falls, OR 97601

Indicate **triangles** or **checkers**.

Name and phone number for each ticket.

****All proceeds go to the Promise Trees Project****

Farewell Thoughts

“Kids, Community, and Creativity,” I should have added Flexibility! I am proud of our Oregon Garden Clubs! They have managed to keep going in all kinds of different ways during this unusual time. They were flexible enough to still meet outside and if the weather wasn’t too friendly in large halls and, of course, by Zoom.

I am proud of:

- The Clubs that added new members, and still managed to keep their members entertained with newsletters, programs, videos and more!
- My Executive Committee, who worked harder than ever, taking this “extra” time to work on Bylaws and other projects that needed attention.
- All the members who stepped up and donated to Penny Pines, to reforest all the Oregon Forests that burned in the 2020 fires (\$10,000.00).
- Everyone who came forward to help with our “Promise Trees” Project when our members indicated that they wanted to do more than help with the basics after the fires.

I am thankful for all the members who participated in my “Tuesday Thoughts” with artwork, stories, pictures, and flower designs! I am thankful for Andy, who looked after everything else while I concentrated on Garden Club tasks. I could not have done it without him.

In the end, we had fun, and we made it work!

We are hugging our Garden Club friends again and looking forward to meeting in person!

THANK YOU to all who donated so much money in my name to the Promise Trees project. I was speechless and thrilled by the amount of money.

Even though it was an unusual term, I have loved working together with so many of you! I am proud to be a part of this organization!

Stay Happy, Healthy, and Hopeful!

Tanja Swanson
OSFGC President, 2019-2021

Regional News

Connect with old and new friends for the 77th Pacific Region Convention.

Location: The Oregon Garden and Resort
(Silverton, Oregon)

Date: August 9-12, 2021

Walk or ride through the acres of beautiful, colorful gardens. Check out the Art in the Garden, Living Waters and carved wood panels.

Enjoy:

- The Children’s Garden
- Wetlands
- Northwest Gardens

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



Calendar of Events

2021

Pacific Region Convention	August 9-12	Silverton, Oregon
National Garden Clubs Fall Board Meeting	September 21-24	St. Louis, Missouri

OSFGC, Inc. Meeting Dates (Board & State Convention, 2021-2022)

Fall Board Meeting	October 10-11, 2021	Hosted By: Mt. Hood District
Spring Board Meeting	March 6-7, 2022	Hosted By: Willamette District
94th Annual State Convention (held at Mill Casino, North Bend)	June 12-15, 2022	Hosted by: Rogue District
Fall Board Meeting	October 9-10, 2022	Hosted By: Siskiyou District
Spring Board Meeting	March 5-6, 2023	Hosted By: Portland District
95th Annual State Convention	June 11-15, 2023	Hosted By: Pioneer District

****Each Board meeting will provide at least one “dynamic” workshop. You won’t want to miss anything! ****

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