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## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

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WINTER ISSUE

## *From the President's Desk*

As the holiday season starts with Thanksgiving, it's important to take time out and remember all the things to be thankful for that many of us take for granted. I have listed a few things I am thankful for:

- my children and their support and encouragement
- the ability to love and be loved
- my friends' relationships
- my two pet Chihuahua dogs for the joy and unconditional love they bring me
- my mind which keeps me hoping, dreaming, thinking and being able to solve problems
- good health which includes the five senses
- my mistakes as they help me grow, learn and understand
- my mentors whether it is family or friends
- my two pollinator gardens with their colorful blooms
- the changing colors in the autumn leaves
- the experience of laughter and sadness
- clean water, indoor plumbing, heating on a cold day and air conditioning on a hot day
- freedom of speech and freedom to vote
- watching my children grow into productive adults and enjoying the birth and growth of their children
- modern medicine such as vaccines
- freedom of religion

These are just a few things I am thankful for. Wishing all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with family and friends.

Best regards,

*Cheryl*



# FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



ANNOUNCING  
*Membership Mondays*  
Carolyn Olley  
OSFGC 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.  
Membership Chair

The National Garden Club has introduced a new series of workshops and everyone is invited to attend.

They are geared toward recruiting new members, retaining the ones we already have and revitalizing our clubs (we can all use a little refresh now and then).  
[www.gardenclub.org](http://www.gardenclub.org)

## Member Resources Membership Mondays

A full explanation of the monthly Zoom event is explained on the website. You can join the programs on the 2nd Monday of each month. The website gives the time as 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm EASTERN time (which translates to 11:00 am to Noon PACIFIC time). Scroll down to find the month you are interested in, look for the "Register in Advance for This Meeting Here." After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The calendar lists the monthly topics being presented through May 2022. I hope you'll take a few minutes to look at the offerings. Sign up if you are able, you'll be joining members from all over!



A FRIENDLY (BUT ALSO IMPORTANT)  
REMINDER

*To All Club Treasurer's*

Carolyn Olley  
OSFGC 1<sup>st</sup> V.P.  
Membership Chair



I need something from all club Treasurers, please. As you get new members joining your club, please go to the OSFGC website, print off the form, fill it out, send it to me so I can send a welcome note to our new members.

<https://oregongardenclubs.org>

Forms

Membership & Dues

New Membership Application-Club (pdf document)

**Ta Da! That's all there is to it!**

You can fill it out and email it to me or send a hard-copy.

[molley1755@comcast.net](mailto:molley1755@comcast.net)

Carolyn Olley

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Clackamas, OR 97015-9257

If you have new(er) members, and haven't "caught up" with notifying the 1st V.P. (Membership Chair), just print off as many forms as you need to "catch up," and send them all.

I only need name, mailing address, and email address (emailing the welcome note saves OSFGC a LOT of money on postage and the actual cards).

Thank you for your efforts to help make all new members feel welcome!



# A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

## *Grace and Christmas Morning (December 2020)*

**Becky Cook, Chaplain**

On Christmas morning my four-year old granddaughter Grace got up early, as children do, and her mom met her by the bookcases. Now from where Grace was standing both Christmas Trees could be seen. I have a small 3' tree in the family room for the little ones. It has lights and unbreakable ornaments that they can touch and move as much as they want. In the living room is the big tree with lots of lights, the old family ornaments (all the breakable ones) and garland.

Graces' mom said "look at the Christmas Tree" and Grace looked at the small tree in the family room – still unlit with no stockings or presents and said "oh no..." in a Very sad disappointed voice. "No" her mom said, "look at the big tree". When she turned and saw the big tree lit up with stockings and presents, her face lit up and she went "yea..."

But it was the room with the small tree where we gathered through the day. Where music played, toys were played with, laughter rang out, stories were told, naps were taken and memories made for this Christmas. It was the little tree lit up with lights, ornaments on the top, one side (not both sides) and a few around the bottom. So carefully decorated and redecorated and redecorated by small hands that reminded me once again that the gifts and joys of Christmas are not large, expensive, glitzy or the latest toy craze. They are the gifts of hope, joy, peace, faith and love. Family, friends, laughter, phone calls and notes to each other, stories shared by generations, and the wonders and thankfulness of all God has blessed us with in our lives.



My Christmas prayer is that you receive the gifts of Christmas. They are so beautifully simple to give, free for the taking and shine with their own pure light.

May the gift of hope be yours. May the spark of hope in your lives turn into a bonfire lighting the way to from maybe to yes and dreams to accomplishments. May hope always sparkle within you. Lighting your way with on whatever path you take.

May you have the gift of joy. May your life be filled with the wonder of all the Lord has given you. The beauty of stars at night, warm summer days, winter storms, a humming bird, the laughter of a child, a flower reaching for the light. May the joy of simple blessings be yours.

May you have the gift of peace. That great peace that comes with the presence of God in your life. The knowing that wherever you wander, on both your journey of faith and your journey in this life, that the Lord is always and forever holding you close. He will never abandon you.

May you have the gift of faith. For it is faith that gives us our true foundation. In good times and bad times it is the rock we stand on. While life swirls around us with its twists and turns, ups and downs, faith is constant.

May you have the gift of love. Oh, that great gift of love. God's love surrounds us, goes through us, warps us up in its warmth, and holds us tight forever. In your life may you know the Lord's everlasting love. It comes in so many ways: a soft whisper, a shout, a touch, a smile, a hello, a prayer. It shines in your soul and warms your life. May the gifts of Christmas shine through you in the coming days and always.

*Amen*



# COMMITTEE NEWS

## *2022 Photo Contest*

**Karen & Paul Ramsey**  
**Photography Contest Co-Chairs**

It's time to start thinking about entering your photos in the 2022 photo contest. After much discussion it has been determined that the annual OSFGC Photography Contest should once again be a virtual one. With the pandemic not yet behind us, it seemed to be the most logical decision. It worked well last time and members seemed to enjoy it. The only hard copy prints will be the winners from each of the seven categories and those winners will be displayed during the June convention. Members will be able to view the entries online and the winners will be displayed and announced when judging is completed. The 2022 entries, as per the rules, will be open to all Oregon garden club members who are in good standing. Members will be allowed to enter one photo in each category (7 total entries). Each entry must be forwarded as a photo file along with an entry form containing a release signature.

Here is a copy of the 2022 photo contest rules: OSFGC, will have a state wide 2022 virtual photography contest. There are no entry fees. Digital photos can be JPG or TIFF format and should not be enhanced by any computer program.

Photo files must be at least 70KB and e-mailed to the Photography Contest Co-chairs at [sierrakr@aol.com](mailto:sierrakr@aol.com) on or before March 31, 2022.

The categories are as follows. Note there are no Black and White Categories. All photos should be Color.

- |                  |                        |
|------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Scenery       | 5. Animals             |
| 2. Gardens       | 6. Insects/Butterflies |
| 3. Floral Blooms | 7. Presidents Choice - |
| 4. Birds         | Pets in the Garden     |

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## **Photo Contest continued**

Photos must have been taken by a current OSFGC Garden Club Member in good standing. An entry form must be submitted (e-mailed) for each photo entry. Photos and Entry Forms should be e-mailed together. Only one photo entry may be submitted for each category for a total of seven (7) entries per member.

Photos may have been taken at any time. If any person is present and recognizable in the submitted photo, a release form for that person or the parent of any child under 18 must be e-mailed along with the photo and entry form.

For any questions, please contact Karen Ramsey, Photography Contest Chair at (541)479-5513 or e-mail to [sierrakr@aol.com](mailto:sierrakr@aol.com)

**The 2022 Virtual Photo Contest Entry Form is on Page 5.**



# PHOTO CONTEST ENTRY FORM

*Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs*

**2022 Virtual Photo Contest Entry Form**

Deadline for E-mailing digital entries: March 31, 2022.

To enter, please complete all fields on the entry form below.

Submit a separate form for each e-mailed photo file.

**Full Name Printed** \_\_\_\_\_

(Print your full name as you wish it to appear with displayed photo)

**Address & Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Club** \_\_\_\_\_ **District** \_\_\_\_\_

## SELECT CATEGORY FOR PHOTO

\_\_\_\_\_ Animals

\_\_\_\_\_ Insects/Butterflies

\_\_\_\_\_ Birds

\_\_\_\_\_ Scenery

\_\_\_\_\_ Floral Blooms

\_\_\_\_\_ President's Choice

\_\_\_\_\_ Gardens

## PHOTOGRAPH INFORMATION

**Your Contact Information:**

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Release for use of photo by OSFGC**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_

Being over 18 years of age, I hereby grant the OSFGC(Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs) the right to use my name in conjunction with the following information: photograph, biography, city, state, country and article information without Compensation on the OSFGC websites, publications and/or written material for a period of two (2) years from the date of entry.

# COMMITTEE NEWS continued



## *Leach Botanical Garden* Janet Conley Leach Botanical Garden Chair

I'm excited with the progress in the Garden. I'd like each OSFGC member to go to: leachgarden.org, click on About Us, then check out Historical Timeline and Garden History. I'm sure you'll be impressed with the progress that has been made. You'll want to see and read more about this wonderful garden. Also, please subscribe to their newsletter.

*“Leach is a rare place like no other in Oregon.”*

If you're impressed with the progress, send your donations to our State Treasurer and designate it for Leach Botanical Gardens.

Thanks



## *The OSFGC Directory* Peggy Shaller Yearbook & Yearbook Cover Chairman

It truly is a team effort! And I want to thank my team: Darby Walker and Patty Sorensen who did the roster. Jane Sercombe was in charge of the advertisements. This year we had a lot less advertisers, but blame Covid for that. It is never too early to start asking businesses if they want to advertise in our directory! Also really any good sized Club and District should advertise. It pays for the printing of the book! Jane also brought the books to the State Board meeting with her today and that in itself is a huge task!

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## The OSFGC Directory continued

Everyone who answered my requests for updating their Districts and chairmanship's information is greatly appreciated. Jenny Dahrens helped with updating the pink life membership pages. We tried to just put the current members on these pages. I am sure we are missing some, but that is what was submitted to us. We've already heard about some members who are missing from the list! Please let us know if we have to add or delete someone. Club, District, Name, which life memberships: S=State, P=Pacific Region, N=National.

After Carolyn Olley did the proof reading of the whole book so thoroughly, there shouldn't be any mistakes...but that is wishful thinking! If there are mistakes in the roster, please let Patty Sorensen know, so she can update the roster. Any other mistakes, let me know and we'll try to do better next time.

Of course Cheryl was involved in the whole process also. We think it might be a good idea to have some mandatory workshops or Zoom meetings in early 2023 to explain how it all works and which information we need and how to submit an Ad.

Thanks again to my team; I couldn't have done it without you! Golden screwdrivers were handed out!



# COMMITTEE NEWS continued



## *Promise Trees Project*

**Tanja Swanson**  
**Promise Trees Chair**

The Promise Trees Project was started in the fall of 2020 after the devastating fires in September of that year. Our members wanted to do more than just help with the immediate needs. OSFGC wants to give a \$50 tree voucher to each homeowner who lost a home in the 2020 fires and is rebuilding. That's why the name "Promise Trees." We are working together with County Building Departments, Fire Departments and other local organizations.

To-date, we have raised more than \$29,000. That will go towards printing vouchers, information sheets and purchasing 560 trees! More than 4,000 trees are needed, so we still a long way to go. But our members have been creative in ways of collecting money. The quilts that Nicole Sanchez donated brought in \$530. Norma Piper gave half the proceeds of her art sale to Promise Trees which was very generous. Overall our members, Clubs and Districts have been very giving. **Photos Page 8**



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## **Promise Tree Project continued**

At this time we need your help as soon as possible. We are ready to print vouchers, but we aren't working with OAN nurseries as planned, so we need our members to contact nurseries close to the areas where homes burnt. I put instructions in the file folders that the District Directors received at our last meeting. Please share these with your club's presidents.

I can't wait to actually hand out \$50 vouchers and see some trees get planted!

Thank you all for your generosity!

### **Promise Tree Project Gift Suggestion**

- Here is a suggestion for the people on your Christmas Holiday list that have everything already.
- Print off the circles below on cover stock or any thick or glossy paper. Cut out the circles, keeping the three rings attached and fold them over.
- Donate money to the Promise Trees project and send the rings to your recipient.

***Thank you!***

***Love and Merry Christmas, Tanja***  
**Promise Trees Chair**

***Merry Christmas!***

**A donation was made  
in your name to the  
OSFGC, Inc.  
Promise Tree Project.**



**In 2020 more than 4000 Oregon families lost their homes in wildfires. The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is collecting money to give each of them a \$50 voucher for a new tree. Donations can be made to:  
Peggy Trees  
OSFGC Promise Tree Project  
P.O. Box 1418  
Sherwood, OR 97140**

# COMMITTEE NEWS continued

## *The Promise Trees Quilt Raffle*

**Tanja Swanson**  
**Promise Trees Chair**

Two beautiful quilts were donated by Nicole Sanchez from the Northside Garden Club (middle of picture to right). The Quilts were extra special because they were made from leftovers from the over 5000 masks she's made in the last year.

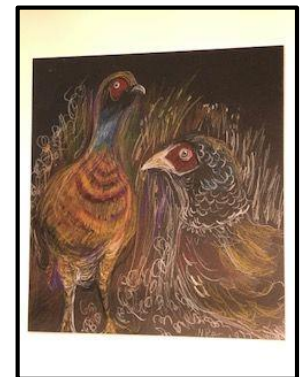
In October our OSFGC President, Cheryl Drumheller, pulled the tickets during the State Fall Board meeting. It happened that both winners were also from Northside Garden Club.

Bernie Wood won the triangles quilt and Katelyn Ferguson won the Cheerful Checkers quilt. They both were thrilled!

Thank you Nicole for your beautiful artwork and for your generosity.

Norma Piper, Clackamas District Director, also donated a large amount (half the proceeds of her and her friends Art Sale), to the Promise Trees Project.

Thank you all for your generosity!



*Happy Holidays*



# COMMITTEE NEWS continued



## LOOKING FOR A YEAR-END DONATION THAT COULD CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE?

### *Hull Foundation*

**Carolyn Olley**

**Gardens of Enchantment Chair**

Consider a donation to the Go Fund Me post for the Hull Foundation and Learning Center.

The Hull Park in Sandy, OR is where the Gardens of Enchantment are located (which OSFGC supports). The gardens are specifically designed for the sight-impaired and the Foundation is trying to raise \$30,000 to help defray the cost of attending some of their 3-day "New to Sight Loss" workshops. It's all explained in the Go Fund Me posting. You can "see" for yourself at: <https://gofund.me/3b922fde>

Your donation can make a difference in the life of an adult with blindness or sight loss.

## *How to Make a Wreath out of Herbs*

**Charmane Mitchell  
Herbs Chair**

Follow These Steps

1. Wrap wire around the two rails of a wreath frame, spacing the wire at about 1-inch intervals.
2. Wash the herbs and dry them thoroughly.
3. Gather the herbs into small bundles, cut to approximately the same length.
4. To attach each bundle to the wreath frame, tightly wrap the wire tail around the frame.



## GREETINGS FROM THE OREGON ROADSIDE COUNCIL

*Redside Pollinator Garden*

**Maupin, OR**

**NOTE: The school mascot is the "Redside" Trout.**



Last fall, the Council received a grant request from the Maupin Dig and Hoe Garden Club to assist with the Redside Pollinator Garden.

The garden is visible from Highway 197 in front of the Maupin Grade School Building. The local school district was instrumental with building the fence structure and furnishing compost to fill the beds. An irrigation system was installed and is on a timer. Plants were labeled and could be seen blooming all summer and into the fall.

Future plans are in the works!

Just a quick side note: The garden club is also involved with their Blue Star Marker.

**Submitted by Oregon Roadside Council Committee:**

**Lynn & Stan Chiotti**

**Todd Kepple**

**Beverly Seibel**

**Marcia Kay Whitelock, Chair**



# COMMITTEE NEWS continued

## OSFGC Awards, Contests, and Scholarship Deadlines

**Kathy Simmons**  
State Awards Chair

The following list identifies the upcoming contests and application deadlines. Refer to your State Directory (Page 61) for further details.

### **December 1, 2021**

Youth Poetry Contest, page 49

### **December 15, 2021**

Flower Show Awards, page 52

### **January 1, 2022**

Newsletter Contest, page 56

### **January 10, 2022**

Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Posters, page 30

Youth Sculpture Contest, page 48

### **January 31, 2022**

Pacific Region Scholarships, page 60

### **February 15, 2022**

Garden of Distinction Award, page 53

All applications, forms and rules can be found on the following websites:

NGC: [gardenclub.org](http://gardenclub.org), PACIFIC REGION: [pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://pacificregiongardenclubs.org), and OSFGC: [oregongardenclubs.org](http://oregongardenclubs.org)



### *Advice From A Tree*

*Stand up tall and proud*

*Sink your roots into the earth*

*Be content with your natural beauty*

*Go out on a limb*

*Drink plenty of water*

*Be flexible*

*Remember your roots*

*Enjoy the view!*

*Ilan Shamir*



# STATE NEWS

## *Online Resource Help for Oregon Garden Clubs*

Patty Sorensen

It is tough trying to keep club members connected and educated during these unusual times. With Zoom meetings being used by some garden clubs, the OSFGC board thought it might be helpful to create a list of possible speakers for you to access as well as speaker resources for in person meetings.

Our Zoom District Directors' meetings are a great place to share your successful resources for both online and in person meetings.

Below are some suggestions to check out.

### **Zoom**

If you have the Zoom ability to show videos from the host computer, there are lots of resources online that can be broadcast to members and followed by discussions. Not all Zoom speakers need to be talking in real time. I searched on the website called Great Garden Speakers and came up with some possibilities. I was looking for free resources so that limits my results.

[https://greatgardenspeakers.com/listing/results.php?keyword=plants&template\\_id=](https://greatgardenspeakers.com/listing/results.php?keyword=plants&template_id=)

Of course, you will want to be sure that the topics are relevant to our area. Watching spring tips for Florida is a lot different than ones for the Pacific Northwest. I do find that ones from England are quite applicable because they are on a similar parallel to Oregon and our seasons are quite alike.

Here's a sample of one that would have been useful for the Fall.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kN8OMgaLial>  
Leaves Weblinks

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## **Online Resources/Zoom continued**

Don't forget that some websites are useful not just for speakers for Zoom meetings, but for links to be shared in newsletters for club members to enjoy. Several of the speakers listed also have links to articles they have written such as these:

### **An Hour a Day In the Garden**

<https://caroljmichel.com/an-hour-a-day-in-the-garden/>

### **Invasive Plant Atlas**

<https://www.invasiveplantatlas.org/>

### **Winter Gardening**

<https://www.gardendesign.com/winter/>

### **Master Gardeners**

Master Gardeners/County Extensions/Oregon State University websites also have speaker resources for you to search. Some may be available to present on Zoom, others broadcast recorded talks online and yet others only in person.

<https://media.oregonstate.edu/channel/Master+Gardener+Webinar+Series/161357322>

### **End Game for Cover Crops**

[https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1\\_g6aeqc99/161357322](https://media.oregonstate.edu/media/t/1_g6aeqc99/161357322)

<https://jacksoncountymga.org/speakers-bureau/>

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## *Online Resource Help for Oregon Garden Clubs*

Patty Sorensen

### **YouTube**

You Tube has loads of gardening resources.  
Start at: [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)

### **Fall Perennials**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HEhm-f4\\_G0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HEhm-f4_G0)

**Here's a very informative show on Hydrangeas!**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ln67TY0qd0A>

### **Raised Bed Mistakes to Avoid**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCM0Tvp6Dko  
&t=203s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCM0Tvp6Dko&t=203s)

### **Five Plants for Winter Interest**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9c4Lsv\\_02gE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9c4Lsv_02gE)

### **Houseplants that Take Low Light Conditions**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtoPApGNE7Q>

## **STATE CLUBS**

Several state garden clubs have these resources on their websites.

[https://ctgardenclubs.org/education/speakers-  
directory/](https://ctgardenclubs.org/education/speakers-directory/)

I'd be glad to develop a resource like this for our website, <https://oregongardenclubs.org>, with your help. Please send me what you think would be helpful for others to access. Let's work smart together instead of hard alone!

Please write **SPEAKER RESOURCES** in your subject line.

THANKS!

Patty Sorensen  
[spahrm@hotmail.com](mailto:spahrm@hotmail.com)



## *Newsletter Contest*

*Due Date: January 1, 2022*

**Norma Curtis**

**Odell Garden Club President  
Newsletter Awards, Chair**

Hello, I am Norma Curtis and along with my committee of Trish Paige and Pam Lago we are the Newsletter judges.

We have been judging Newsletters for a few years now and noticed it has been hard to find the Newsletter Award Form online.

We've included the Newsletter Award Entry Form on **Page 11** and Patty Sorensen is going to have it posted on the OSFGC website.

Please include this form (with the top portion completed) along with your Newsletter entry to Norma Curtis, Newsletter Awards Chair, **[nlcurtis@hrecn.net](mailto:nlcurtis@hrecn.net)** no later than January 1, 2022.

Thank you in advance for your entries.



# NEWSLETTER AWARD ENTRY FORM

## *NGC Newsletter Judging Sheets 2020-21*

### Page 24 NGC Awards Rules

Use one sheet per entry

Submitted By \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Club & District \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Publication \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Presentation (as applicable) 5 pts. Application includes brief description of publication, club membership. No limit on number of pages in publication.
- 2) Achievement (as applicable) 65 pts. See chart below to make this portion easier to score.
- 3) Promotes NGC and PR Objective(s) 15 pts. "Connecting people to plants and promoting programs that provide inspiration, information and valuable resources."
- 4) Record or Documentation (as applicable) 15 pts. Application shows number of copies distributed/sold, how distributed, financial information: cost of publishing, price if sold, market seen. Total 100 pts

Use 2 and 3 above. Possible 80 points

CATEGORY - Achievement	MAX PTS	YOUR SCORE	COMMENTS
Informative	9		
Educational	8		
Accurate	8		
Clarity of subject	8		
Quality of printing	8		
Quality of photography/graphics	8		
General appeal	8		
Indicates that your organization is a member of PR and NGC - shown on masthead, etc.	8		
Promotes NGC objectives	15		

# CLUB NEWS



## *McMinnville Garden Club*

**Pioneer District  
Adele O'Neal, President**

The McMinnville Garden Club is back meeting, building membership and planning new projects! After the successful, albeit much smaller, Garden Faire and Garden Tour in June, we are moving forward.

Because of the heat we had to deal with this year, we are moving our 2022 annual Garden Tour and Faire to the weekend before Father's Day.

A new project for the Club will be to help enhance the grounds around the cancer center at the McMinnville hospital. The members want to help patients have a peaceful and beautiful environment while they have their treatments.

The club wants to keep our members safe during Covid-19, so after having one monthly meeting in person outdoors and one indoors, we will be trying out a Zoom meeting for November.

Happy Fall everyone from McMinnville!



## *Maupin Dig and Hoe Garden Club*

**Mt. Hood District  
Diana McElheran, President**

### **Oregon Roadside Council Grant Report October, 2021**

The Redside Pollinator Garden (school mascot is the Redside trout) is just about done, with the exception of student created art work, as Covid has kept us out of the schools so far. Hopefully by winter/spring we will be able to move forward on that part of our plans.

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## **Maupin continued**

The South Wasco County School District #1 was instrumental with the building of the fence structure and adding compost to fill the beds. Their employees moved some components of our old garden, bought and installed all new fencing and even filled the beds with compost. I'm sure they spent way more than the \$500 of in-kind monies we listed on the grant. Of particular note are the beds made with local juniper boards and repurposed metal roofing.

We installed an irrigation system on a timer and bought and planted a variety of plants based on research for suggested pollinator species for Oregon. We had plants blooming all summer and into the fall with no problems.

Signage labeling for each specie planted were installed and plans for interpretative signage are in the works.

Future plans include installing student created weather proof art (possibly ceramic tiles) to decorate the fencing. A mural for the school cinder block wall adjacent to the garden is also in the plans. A large carved-wood sign for the front, noting that this is the "Redside Pollinator Garden" is also in the works.

Our club greatly appreciates your support in creating this educational garden so that we may educated our students and the public on the importance of pollinators. We are sure this garden will evolve and get better and better . . . Especially once we can safely involve the students!

Thank you very much.



# Updated DISTRICT NEWS

## Rogue District Address Listing 2021-2023 State Directory

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## Clackamas District

### *NGC Book: Network with Nature*

Jane Sercombe

To our Oregon Garden Club members:  
Clackamas District has been selling the newest NGC children's book, Network with Nature. Although we have sold all the books in our first order, if more books are wanted statewide, I will put in another order.

Cost with postage is \$15 each. Please email your name and number of books to Jane Sercombe; due-date is December 4 so the books will arrive before Christmas.

I will let you know if and when we have enough books for another order. The NGC website shows the cover of the book:  
[nationalgardenclubs.org/store/networkwithnature](http://nationalgardenclubs.org/store/networkwithnature)

If club members would bring their copy to a club meeting, then others could see it. That makes a difference, to actually look at the book.

The story line describes a boy who goes to visit his grandparents and takes his cell phone and tablet thinking that's all he will do. Wrong. The grandparents have many outdoor fun events planned and the boy doesn't even miss those electronics. He has a new "outside outlook" on life! This is the third book in the series after The Frightened Frog and The Saved Seed.

Thanks gardeners!

Jane Sercombe  
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## Klamath District

Vickie Liskey

Klamath District Director

Klamath District had its first in person meeting Nov. 6th. It was so good to see one another face-to-face again. In August, the district garden clubs had a whole room at the Klamath County Fair for our flower show and a large pollinator display garden, a wall of pollinator related posters and information boards for each garden club. We just learned we will be able to do it again next year, so we are all planning for that.

Wanda Baker won Best in Department with her 'June Bride' entry. Bernie Wood won best in show with an amazing Lilly. **Photos Page 17**

In October the Evening Primrose Garden Club hosted a flower show at the Klamath Basin Potato Festival. Past State President, Tanja Swanson won best of show. **Photos Page 17**

For November we placed a wreath at our Blue Star marker in Veterans Park and we will be decorating the planters on Main Street with greens and bows for December.

Northside Garden Club will also have its wreath sale in December and the District will be making Christmas cups for delivery to shut-in patrons of the Klamath County Library.  
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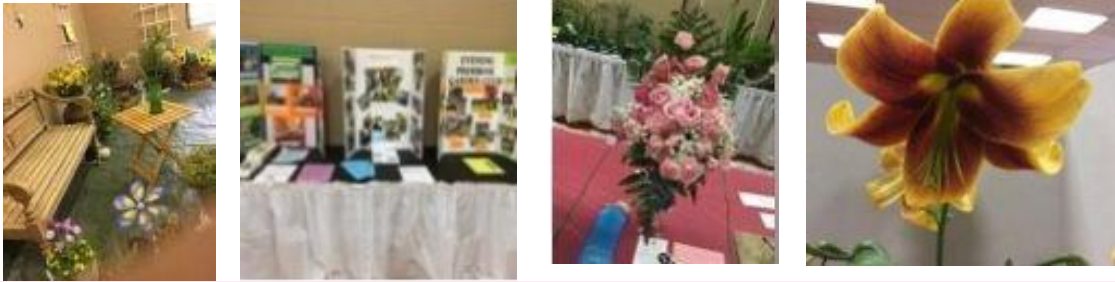


# NATIONAL GARDEN CLUB, INC.

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August

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## *National Garden Club* Membership Committee

The National Garden Club's Membership Committee has adopted 3R's to remind us that membership does matter. Those 3R's are Recruit, Retain and Revitalize and each month those thoughts are expanded upon through something called Membership Mondays brought to a grateful audience via Zoom.

The next meeting will be on Monday, December 13, at 11:00 am. Pacific Time. The initial audience was State Presidents and State Membership Chairs, but the event is now expanded to include anyone who has an interest in this important topic. You can register by going to the NGC website, click on menu, go to membership resources, scroll to Membership Mondays, then register and the meeting link will be sent to you. Short presentations by several speakers will be followed by a Q & A time so you will receive hands-on information that you can use immediately.

Another resource available to you is the publication entitled, "Membership Matters! Ideas for Growth." This is a compilation of how-to ideas that are "tried and true" by your fellow garden clubbers from around the Pacific Region and beyond. You may download a copy of this book by visiting the PRGC website at [www. Pacificregiongardenclubs.org](http://www.Pacificregiongardenclubs.org) or you may order a hard copy by writing a \$15 check made payable to OSFGC and sending it to Gaye Stewart, 761 SE Lynchet Lane, Dallas, OR 97338. The actual order form is also on the OSFGC, the PRGC and the NGC websites so you really can't miss it.

Membership Does Matter... when it first matters to each of us. These are proven tools that will help you be successful in your Club, District and State organizations so please check them out. You and your Club will be glad you did.



## AWARDS, CONTESTS & SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES



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# CONSERVATION NEWS

## *Oasis, The Hidden Truth*

**Research Done by Stephanie Pickern**

This article is going to share information about the intersection of insect ecology and Oasis floral foam. As most of you all know by now, many insects are dying because of chemical toxicity in their environment. So what does floral foam have to do with that, you ask?

Until the revolutionary invention of floral foam over 60 years ago, florists would use chicken wire, straw and even newspapers to support flowers at the base of their arrangements. It was Vernon Smithers who invented OASIS® Floral Foam in the United States back in 1954. Smithers-Oasis® invented a green sponge like material shaped as a brick that holds water. The construction of the material allows flowers to be inserted and arranged easily and it quickly became the florist's best friend. It made arranging flowers easier, allowed flowers to drink water for days and simplified transport of flower arrangements. Why is it so bad? Because it's made from synthetic, non-recyclable plastic and is created using a combination of carbon black, formaldehyde and phenolic foam, all of which are toxic. It is so toxic that the Royal Historical Society has banned its use starting this year.

A staggering statistic: one block of floral foam is equal to 10 plastic shopping bags! If you pour the foam particles down the drain, only a percentage of the micro-plastics will be captured through sewage processing. The rest weave their way through the filter and remain in water that may then be used to irrigate farmland. If the sewage effluent is pumped off site into other water ways, it has the potential to contaminate water all the way to the ocean.

For insects that live in or depend upon healthy aquatic habitat to survive, their survival could be impacted if the water is contaminated with these chemicals. In turn, this may expose predators who consume those insects to cumulative survival risks as well. Additionally, the dust is also toxic to humans.

Here's what you need to know about disposing Oasis floral foam:

- Pour it through an old pillowcase, cloth or tea towel to capture as many of the foam fragments as possible. Place remnants in landfill-bound trash and pour the strained water into a hole in the garden.
- Water containing bits of foam should never be poured down any drain.

Oasis is understandably hard to live without because it is the perfect product for the job. It holds up to 50x its weight in water, stabilizes stems fabulously, and keeps floral arrangements looking fresh for up to 12 days.

So as designers and arrangers, what can we use instead of Oasis? Here are some ideas: floral frogs, water tubes, straw, newspaper, pebbles, sand, gravel, clay, marbles, finely shredded wood-based packing material called excelsior, small twigs cut and wired together to act like a floral frog, compact moss, or even fruit. Some will fall apart faster than others, so longevity of the display will be a factor and the water may need to be changed out more frequently.

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## *Oasis, The Hidden Truth*

Research Done by Stephanie Pickern

Please consider alternatives to Oasis whenever you can. Thank you from the insect world!!

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*I do not know if  
The trees can speak.*

*I do not know if I have  
The ears to hear them.*

*But what if they can?  
What if we could?*

*What would it be then  
To walk out into  
That wonderfully  
Uncultivated choir*

*As the slow honeyed  
Voices of the trees filled  
The valley with their  
Strange harmonies.*

*And the only thing  
We had to do was stand  
With the other living  
Things of the world  
And listen.*

*Quinn Bailey*

# REGION NEWS

## *Things to Checkout*

- Know a student who needs money? Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs both offer scholarships for college students studying Botany, Agriculture and Horticulture.
- Have you thought about offering life memberships to honor members of your club? State, Regional and National memberships are all available.
- Need a Christmas gift idea? Checkout the GEM program.
- Youth Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose Sculpture Contest for 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> graders.

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## Things to Checkout

- Youth Poetry Contests are available for Kindergarten through 9<sup>th</sup> graders. The 2021-2022 Theme: Sing with the Songbirds – Exploring the Glory of Nature.
  - Club entries go to State
  - State winners go to Region
  - Region winners go to National

Check these websites for additional details and due dates for contests, awards and due dates.

### OSFGC

<https://oregongardenclubs.org>

### Pacific Region

<https://pacificregiongardenclubs.org>

### NGC

<https://gardenclub.org>

