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SPRING ISSUE

From the President's Desk



How to Create a Pollinator Garden

My President's Theme is "Promote our Pledge, Protect our Pollinators." Along with that, my Project is to plant pollinator gardens in our homes and communities. Providing a diversity of plants in your yard that supply pollen and nectar flowers and offer a variety of shapes, sizes and colors, will bring blooms from spring to late fall.

Also, my Vision is for each clubs' membership to plant two pollinator gardens during my two-year term. That would be 71 clubs x 2 = 142 new pollinator gardens! Create your masterpiece of color for years to come!

Pollinators are honeybees, bumblebees, hummingbirds, beetles, wasps, ants and butterflies.

Plan, Plan, Plan

Before you create your pollinator garden, using these tips will provide information on what you need before making unnecessary purchases.

Tools

- Take an inventory of tools needed. Starting the process and realizing you don't have a shovel, can cause a delay in plans.
- You will need seeds or plants, a shovel, gloves, a rake, and possibly extra soil; also compost, mulch and maybe a weed control fiber to keep the weeds out.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



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From the President's Desk

How to Create a Pollinator Garden

Location

- Plants that produce flowers grow in sunny and shady locations.
- Before purchasing, know the amount of sunlight needed and where the plants will be placed: north-facing, south-facing, west-facing or east-facing.
- Also, consider your garden's climate, such as a windy, or rainy area?

Soil

- Soil typically consists of a mixture of organic remains, sand, clay, and rock particles.
- Sandy soil is well-drained, where clay soil is wet. Knowing the type of soil, will assist you in selecting your plants.

Plants

- Research flowers that grow well in your area.
- Native plants are best as they don't require as much work and are heartier.
- Choose plants that have not been treated with chemicals: insecticides (a substance used for killing insects), pesticides (a substance used for destroying insects or other organisms harmful to cultivated plants or to animals), or neonicotinoids (a systemic agricultural insecticide resembling nicotine).
- Perennials are best as they come back every year and require a minimum amount of work.

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Plants (continued):

- Annuals grow well from spring to fall and add color to your garden.
- Also, to consider is, "are the plants harmful or poisonous to pets or children?" If so, don't plant them!
- As you create your pollinator garden, keep in mind pollinators need nectar throughout most of the year. Knowing that, you will need to have an abundance of flowers.

Preparing Your Garden

- To replace your lawn with plants, remove the grass and turn the soil to loosen it.
- To use raised beds, figure out the amount of soil needed to fill the bed.
- You may need compost, which will fertilize and improve the soil as it is made of decomposing plant, food waste and recycled organic materials.

Seeds or Plants?

- Depending on how much time and money you want to spend on your plants, you can use seeds or plants.
- Seeds require time to germinate and mature.
- Plants started at nurseries are costlier, but will produce blooms right away.

Watering: Follow watering directions from the plant label to keep your plants healthy and thriving.

Best regards,

Cheryl



FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NEWS YOU CAN USE from your OSFGC 1st V.P.

Carolyn Olley
OSFGC 1st V.P.

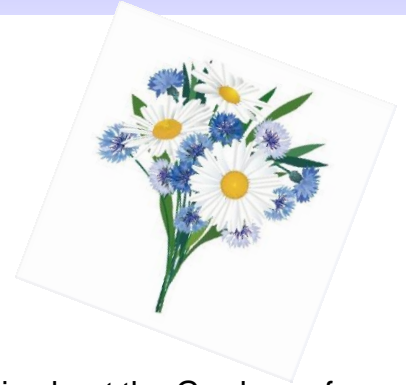
I have some reminders for you today. Not only are due dates for awards quickly approaching (there are several you still have time to apply for), but it is time to start thinking about the donations your clubs have budgeted for. I know my club sends out our donations in the Spring, yours might, too.

Speaking of donations, I would like to remind you of two that are especially important this spring. Our own (OSFGC's) Promise Tree Project gives \$50 vouchers to people who lost their homes (and yards/gardens) in the 2020 Oregon wildfires.

People who are ready to replant can use the vouchers to replace those lost with trees, shrubs, and groundcovers that are on a list of "fire resistant" plants. Voucher holders need to buy their new plants from an approved nursery (those nurseries have agreed to accept the vouchers and do all the necessary paperwork to keep track of them). A list of plants and nurseries is on the OSFGC website.

Note: The nursery list can change as other local nurseries agree to participate. Please patronize the listed nurseries and let them know how much we appreciate their help.

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The second reminder is about the Gardens of Enchantment at Hull Park in Sandy, Oregon. Gardeners from Clackamas and Multnomah Districts are making their plant lists and soon will be ordering plants for the 2022 planting season. If your club donates to the Gardens of Enchantment, and has not done so yet, please try to get those donations in. You can mail checks to our OSFGC State Treasurer, Peggy Trees. Write a note on the check that it is for the Gardens of Enchantment. Your continued support of the Gardens is greatly appreciated.

I do need to remind everyone, too, that we are always accepting new members. Are you planning an event? Will you be out there in your community at garden centers or nurseries? Talk to people you see about joining a garden club. Do you have a brochure that talks about your club? If you do, ask the garden center manager or nursery manager if you can leave a few at their check-out counter, or on a Community Bulletin Board. If you do not have a brochure, do you know someone who can help you make one? Every little bit helps to spread the word! Only you can tell people how welcoming garden clubs are, and how much fun we have learning new things and sharing gardening experiences. Take it upon yourself to talk with just one person each time the opportunity presents itself. It will make you feel good!

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

NEWS YOU CAN USE from your OSFGC 1st V.P.

Carolyn Olley
OSFGC 1st V.P.

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OSFGC President Cheryl Drumheller wants us all to plant pollinator gardens. This is the time of year to start thinking about your selections. My newspaper, The Oregonian, had a write-up that talked about two new annual flowers that might be of special interest and are supposed to be attractive to pollinators.

One of them is “Texas Primrose Ladybird Sunglow.” It grows four to six inches tall, has a mounding habit, is “heat tough,” has bright yellow flowers that resemble evening primrose, has no known disease or pest problems, and “deer ignored it while eating plants all around it” in test gardens. They thrive in full sun.

The second one I saw in the article is called “Lantana Bloomify Pink.” It has a heavy bloom and vibrant color. Flowers open yellow and mature to pink, usually displaying both at the same time. Blooms non-stop all season, and is deer resistant as well as very attractive to pollinators. Even better, it’s drought-tolerant. Plants grow 12 to 16 inches tall and wide. They prefer full sun and warmer weather.

If you are interested in petunias for hanging baskets, you might like to look up the “Big Deal Fingerpaint” variety I heard about. It is a yellow and dark pink variety new this year. “Fun House” is another new petunia this year. It is an upright variety. “Sunset Orange,” “Purple Dawn,” and “Midnight Sky” are also new introductions and worth checking out. All the petunias prefer full sun and lots of fertilizer.

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Do you want to attract hummingbirds? There is a new plant I saw pictures of. Its name is “Hummingbird Falls.” It has blue/purple flowers and is great for hanging baskets. It has a trailing habit and hummingbirds LOVE it. People like it too because it has a pleasant minty aroma. You can find more information about these new varieties online or at your local nurseries.

Quick Notes:

Membership Mondays (presented by NGC)-occur on the second Monday of the month, starting at 11 a.m. PACIFIC TIME. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. See the OSFGC website to register. There are programs scheduled for March, April and May. The last being in May.

Where do I find information on the **Promise Tree Project**? oregongardenclubs.org
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I hope my note has been helpful. I look forward to meeting with you sometime soon!

Carolyn



Raising Dues Recommendation

The Executive Committee recommends raising dues, detailed in Bylaws Article V, Section 3a. from \$3.00 per capita to \$5.00 per capita per year to be implemented beginning July 2023.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE



OSFGC Affiliates
Phyllis Olson
OSFGC 2nd Vice President

Hello Friends,

I have been asked to investigate and write about the affiliates of OSFGC. I am going to start with the Accredited Judges, since I am a member.

As our name implies, we are all accredited judges, from students to Masters. This is an accreditation that anyone with the interest to judge fairs and flower shows, can get.

We would love to have new judges. This is the year to start the schools. We will be starting again with Course 1.

Listed in our Directory on Page 93 are the councils and the Presidents of each one. If your Club or District are in need of a judge for your flower show or fair, the list of names are on Page 17.

In order to become a judge, you must be a member of a garden club that is a member of National Garden Club. Once you have your student status, you will be invited to join the council in your area. Everything you need to know about getting your accredited judging status, is on the NGC website. If you don't find what you are looking for, call one of us.

Thanks!

Phyllis

Gardening God's Way

Author Unknown

Plant three rows of peas:

Peace of mind

Peace of heart

Peace of soul



Plant four rows of squash:

Squash gossip

Squash indifference

Squash grumbling

Squash selfishness



Plant four rows of lettuce:

Lettuce be faithful

Lettuce be kind

Lettuce be obedient

Lettuce really love one another



No garden should be without turnips:

Turnip for meetings

Turnip for service

Turnip to help one another



Water freely with patience and cultivate with love

There is abundance in your garden . . .

Because you reap what you sow.

To conclude our garden,

We must have thyme:

Thyme for God

Thyme for study

Thyme for prayer



Pretty nice garden!

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What Is a Pollinator Garden and How to Get Started

A pollinator garden is basically a garden that contains plants that are particularly attractive to pollinators. Pollinators include bees, butterflies, moths and hummingbirds which transfer pollen from plant to plant. This process is how the plant is fertilized and then can produce fruit. Without pollination, plants would be unable to reproduce, and there would be no food in the world. Actually, our very survival is dependent on the pollinators.

Pollinators are under duress. Their habitat is being destroyed. Most natural areas full of native plants are being eliminated or mowed down as weeds. The increasing use of insecticides is another danger for the pollinators. Insecticides don't discriminate between bugs. The pollinators will be killed along with the pest insects we are trying to control.

Another factor is the diminishing number of native plants used in our gardens. You might ignore the native perennials and look for unusual, exotic plants for your garden. Gardeners are always interested in new plants or plants that originally only grew in other climates. Unfortunately, this can be a problem because the plants of each region developed together with the pollinators. Those native plants provide exactly what the pollinators need and on a dependable schedule. If that chain of interdependency is broken, the pollinators will not survive.

A prime example is the Monarch butterfly. It is estimated that the Monarch population has dropped 90 percent over the last 20 years. Why? Mainly because the Monarch must have milkweed plants to lay their eggs on. It is the only plant the young larvae will eat. Milkweed typically grew along the side of country roads and in the uncultivated fence lines between fields on family farms. Today, we mow the roadside ditches and the fence lines are being removed to make huge fields that are easier to work with larger equipment. If Monarchs are native in your area, plant milkweed in your pollinator garden and help save the Monarch butterfly.

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What Do Pollinators Need To Thrive?

A key ingredient for a pollinator garden is to plant native plants. If you are not sure what plants are actually native in your area, call your local Cooperative Extension Office. They will be able to provide you with a list of plants you should include in your pollinator garden.

It's important to cater to your pollinators because each pollinator looks for different things. Bees are attracted to sweet fragrance like apple blossoms or hybrid tea roses. They also see ultraviolet light and are especially attracted to flowers that are yellow, purple and blue.

Butterflies are not interested in flowers that are blue or green, but are very attracted to pink, yellow, orange, red and white. Butterflies also need shelter from the wind, enjoy puddles of water and love big flowers with landing space for them.

Hummingbirds like flowers that are tubular shaped as they can reach down in them when other pollinators can't. This guarantees they won't have to share the nectar they are seeking. Hummingbirds are very attracted to flowers that are red, orange or pink.

Many flowers close up at night, so look for a few night-blooming plants to feed the moths. Moths are also great pollinators.

Use Perennials to Draw the Most Pollinators

Load your pollinator garden with perennials which often have more nectar than annual flowers. Once the pollinator finds your garden, they will return, looking for the same plant each year. Look for perennials for sale in the spring, but also check in the fall. Some perennials do better if planted in the fall.

When you select plants for your pollinator garden, try to have something blooming all the time. Hybrid tea roses are great for pollinators as they will bloom all summer. They will provide food for the pollinators as your other plants go in and out of bloom.

Remember, it's important to avoid using insecticide in your yard whenever possible—especially if you're trying to attract pollinators. The same insecticides that kill pests can kill or poison your favorite birds, bees and butterflies.

If every gardener becomes mindful of the pollinators, the impact will be hugely positive—not just in our gardens, but for the world.

OSFGC and Cheryl Drumheller, OSFGC President are indebted to Jackson Perkins for allowing us to reprint this blog post, and to Susan Humphrey, Jackson Perkins and Gaye Stewart, OSFGC Former President for their support in getting this approval.

<https://www.jacksonandperkins.com/blog/garden-blogs/what-is-a-pollinator-garden-and-how-to-get-started/b/what-is-a-pollinator-garden/>

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COMMITTEE NEWS

Gardening in Small Places Darby Walker, Chair

When I moved to Central Oregon in the summer of 2019, I left behind my perennial garden with abundant dahlias, rudbeckias and coreopsis.

My new townhome, with its small backyard, offered many gardening challenges. New beds, plantings and amended soils were definitely required. The window boxes outside my dining room would be a good place to start.

First I checked to make sure the drainage holes were clear from dirt or debris. My neighbor gave me plastic liners to use, protecting the natural wood of the box. I lined the troughs with gravel and filled with Black Gold Natural and Organic Soil.

Plant materials consisted of snapdragons, annual salvia, geraniums, petunias, bacopa, and Creeping Jenny. During the summer months, I watered once or twice daily.

The bees and the hummingbirds loved the flowers, especially the salvia, and feasted from morning to night.



For the winter season, I decided to fill the boxes with natural greens that I collected from my walks. One of the local nurseries sells cut fresh greens so I could supplement.



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Gardening in Small Places continued

For a February luncheon, I purchased primroses and hyacinths to add color. Hopefully, I can replant in May for the summer season as I know those pollinators are waiting.



Permanent Listing for Garden of Distinction Award Winners Jane Sercombe, Chair

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To OSFGC Members: Your help is requested in updating a permanent listing of Garden of Distinction Award winners.

This is what is known. If you know of other recipients, please add to this list. Many thanks for checking, Jane Sercombe.

1999: The Oregon Garden, Silverton.

2008: Historic Jenkins Estate, Beaverton.

2009: Village Green Resort and Gardens, Cottage Grove.

2012: Gardens of Enchantment, Hull Park, Sandy.

2017: Peter Britt Garden, Jacksonville.

2020: Veterans Memorial Park, Beaverton.

2021: Connie Hansen Garden, Lincoln City.

Please contact Jane Sercombe, Chair

COMMITTEE NEWS continued

Sage Butter

Charmane Mitchell, Herb Chair

SAGE BUTTER is a delicious and easy way to incorporate the healing benefits of sage (Salvia). With just two ingredients, here is an amazing herbal butter that is delightful on sweet potatoes, chicken, tossed vegetables, toast and whatever you wish!

Sage offers antioxidants which help reduce the risk of health conditions, like cancer. It is also rich in Vitamin K, which aids the body in clotting blood, bone health and heart disease.

SAGE BUTTER

Ingredients:

1 stick of butter

1 tablespoon of finely chopped sage

Instructions:

Melt butter in small saucepan over medium heat. Add sage and simmer for 3-5 minutes until color changes to light green.

Store in refrigerator. Butter will be ready to use the next day. It will keep for weeks in the fridge and for months in the freezer.



Promise Trees

Tonja Swanson, Chair

We are very thankful for all the nurseries who have promised to help us! Please tell them how much you appreciate them when you shop at these nurseries. They are also on our website and new ones will be added!

Clackamas County

Serres Garden Center
Bosky Dell Natives
Echo Valley Natives

Douglas County

Young's Garden
Mignola Farms Nursery Inc.
Wildwood Nursery
Wintergreen Florist Nursery & Landscape

Jackson County

Plant Oregon

Klamath County

Horizon Nursery
Mountain Valley Gardens
Plantscapes of Oregon

Lane County

Gray's Garden Center
Johnson Bros. Garden Market
Lane Forest Products, Glenwood Corner Store
Nursery

Lincoln County

Monkey Business 101
Blake's Coastal Nursery

Linn County/Marion County

Still looking for nurseries

We are so excited that we finally can hand out vouchers! Thank you to all who helped getting this project to be a reality!



COMMITTEE NEWS continued

100 Plants to Feed the Monarch Tonja Swanson, Chair

For my birthday my son gave me this book:

100 Plants to Feed the Monarch.

He said it was well recommended by the New York Times. It has all the information you need about Monarch butterflies and like the title says, it gives you information about all the plants that are beneficial for these beloved butterflies.

Every plant picture comes with a description, a map of where these plants grow and whether the plant needs sun, moisture, soil, bloom time, flower color, height and availability.

I always knew there were different kinds of milkweed, but did you know that there are 31 different milkweeds? All specific to different areas of the US.

Other plants that are beneficial to Monarchs and often other butterflies too are: Asters, Beebalm, Gaillardia, Blackeyed Susan, Fireweed, Goldenrod, Lobelia, Penstemon, and many more.

This book is put together by the Xerces Society, the utmost experts on insects and invertebrates. This non-profit organization is based right here in Portland, Oregon.

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Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

verces.org

Protecting Pollinators

Working with diverse partners to restore and expand habitat and further the science of pollinator conservation

100 Plants to Feed the Monarch continued

My club, The Northside Garden Club has been taking care of the garden of our local Crisis Center for 15 years. A few years ago we made part of the garden a pollinator garden and also planted milkweed. The first years we actually saw Monarchs and even eggs on them. The last two years we haven't seen a Monarch. But there was good news from the Xerces society this winter. They counted almost 250,000 monarchs during the Thanksgiving count in the California over-wintering places, as opposed to barely 2,000 the year before.

I am looking forward to seeing lots of Monarchs in our garden this summer!

Tanja Swanson



COMMITTEE NEWS continued

Dallas Blue Star Marker

Laurel Buncak, OSFGC Blue Star Chair

The Dedication of the Dallas Blue Star Marker was on Veterans Day November 11, 2021 at the Dallas Post Office.

Nearly fifty garden club members, visitors and veterans gathered at the Dallas Oregon Post Office to dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker in the community garden the Dallas Garden Club maintains.

We were all warmly welcomed by Mike Stewart of the Dallas Garden Club with introductions of the various veterans from the wars of the 20th century who came to celebrate the new marker with the other guests and members of the Dallas Garden Club.

The Invocation by Pastor Ben Bauman of the Dallas Church was followed by a solo of the Star-Spangled Banner sung by a local high school student.

A history of the Blue Star Marker was read by Laurel Buncak, Oregon State Blue Star Chair and the Dedication for the Blue Star Memorial Marker was read by OSFGC President Cheryl Drumheller. The Dallas Oregon Mayor Brian Dalton was present for the acceptance of the marker. Bill and Lyn Jobe assisted with the unveiling of the marker while Gretchen McKane and Kathy Beck-Blaine placed the Floral Tribute.

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Dallas Blue Star Marker

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A highlight of the dedication was a poem read and written by Gaye Stewart – “My America” in memory of her father and his service to our country. The program ended with taps played by Dana Clay, Coast Guard Veteran.

We all enjoyed some refreshments, coffee and Blue Star cookies and made the overcast misty day a joy and celebration to say, “Thank you to the men and women who have served, are serving or who will serve in the future to defend the United State of America.”



MILKWEED UPDATE

MORE (CURRENT) INFORMATION ON MILKWEEDS, MONARCHS, and NECTAR PLANTS in COASTAL OREGON

Hello members of the OSFGC,

The decline and conservation of Western monarch populations is being studied and addressed by scientists, organizations, government agencies, and members of the public. As you look ahead to the coming growing season, you may be considering planting a garden or adding a few plants with monarchs in mind. Here are some suggestions for gardening with native plants that support monarchs, pollinators, and other wildlife. Here is a list of suggested nectar plants for monarchs in the maritime Pacific Northwest and here is a list of suggested nectar plants for the inland Pacific Northwest. These lists include species which are known to be visited by monarchs, bloom during the times of the year when monarchs are present, are commercially available as seeds or transplants, and are known to be relatively easy to grow and establish.

These species are well-suited for small wildflower gardens, have a diversity of bloom time, and the list includes water requirements for each of the plants so you can match plants to your soil conditions (or find plants for growing in containers). From this page, scroll down and expand the "Vendors" tab to find possible sources of these species. When planting for pollinators, it is also important to protect them from pesticides. Here is guidance on how to talk to nurseries about the pest management practices used on the plants they offer.

The North American Plant Atlas is a helpful resource to learn about the native and non-native distribution of plants. Coastal areas of Oregon are not part of the natural range where milkweeds grow. They occur more inland/east. Xerces does

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Milkweed

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not recommend planting milkweeds outside of their native range as a conservation strategy for monarchs. Monarchs occur in this region in small numbers or not at all in some years. Rather than focus on milkweeds, we suggest planting native nectar plants (these support many pollinators and the occasional monarch adult), as well as host plant species of other butterflies more common to the area.

For example, here are some other butterflies (with their host plants in parentheses) found in the Pacific Northwest that you can help support:

- Western tiger swallowtail (willow, cottonwood, other tree species)
- Silvery blue (lupines)
- Woodland skipper (grasses)
- Green comma (willow, birch)
- Ochre ringlet (grasses, rushes)
- Painted lady (thistles, mallow, legumes)

For inland areas of the Pacific Northwest, east of the Cascades, you can use our Milkweed Finder tool to search for vendors in your area who supply seeds and/or plants of native milkweed species

We do not recommend the planting of tropical milkweed (*Asclepias curassavica*) where it is not native. Research has shown that tropical milkweed encourages monarchs to lay eggs outside of their regular breeding season, disrupts their migratory



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MILKWEED UPDATE

Milkweed

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cycle and increases the prevalence of monarch infection by the protozoan parasite *Ophryocystis elektroscirrha*, commonly referred to as “OE” at levels that may harm the population (Batalden & Oberhauser 2015; Satterfield et al. 2015; Majewska et al. 2019; Majewska and Altizer 2019).

These negative impacts of tropical milkweed on monarchs stem from the fact that this milkweed species keeps its foliage year-round when it grows in areas where winters are mild and adequate moisture is available (particularly in the Gulf States and coastal & southern California). In contrast, the majority of native U.S. milkweeds are summer or fall-deciduous and do not have leaves during late fall and winter. If you already have tropical milkweed, we recommend removing it and replacing it with native milkweed (if appropriate) and nectar plants.

Want to find other ways to help western monarchs? Check out Xerces’ Western Monarch Call to Action and This Is How You Can Help resources to learn more. You can also explore and contribute Observations of milkweeds and monarchs (when the butterflies are not overwintering) through the community science project the Western Monarch Milkweed Mapper: www.monarchmilkweedmapper.org. can also explore our other community science project, the Western Monarch Thanksgiving Count here:

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Milkweed

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www.westernmonarchcount.org, which keeps track of monarchs during their overwintering phase. For overall information and guidelines for western monarch conservation, check out Xerces’ Western Monarch Conservation page.

Thank you for your efforts to support pollinator conservation in your communities!

Stephanie Frischie, Ph.D.

Agronomist / Native Plant Materials Specialist,
The Xerces Society
Secretary, International Network for Seed-based
Restoration



AWARDS

Ellen Ambuhl Conservation Award

Norma Curtis, Chair

As chairperson of the Ellen Ambuhl Conservation Award, I am reminding members that the deadline to submit a recipient is April 15, 2022. It would be great to present the award during the OSFGC 2022 Convention at the Mill Casino in North Bend! (Perhaps a recipient in the close/ surrounding area would ensure that!)

Please refer to Page 53 of the OSFGC Directory for more details regarding the reward and application procedure. Thank you,



Gardener of the Year

Nita Wood

Hello gardeners! It's time once again to begin at least thinking about your choice for **Gardener of the Year**.

I would imagine that every club has a member who has a beautiful garden or has been involved in organizing and planting a community garden of some type and would like to honor them with this award which will be given at this year's convention.

The deadline for entries (**May 1, 2022**) is fast approaching.

Please send your entries or questions to me at **5306 Ella St. SE, Turner, OR 97392-8800**.

Nita Wood

OSFGC AWARDS, CONTESTS & SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Kathy Simmons, State Awards Chair

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

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NGC: gardenclub.org

PACIFIC REGION: pacificregiongardenclubs.org,

OSFGC: oregongardenclubs.org



CLUB NEWS

Happy Valley Garden Club Updates Submitted by Priscilla Robinson, Co-President

Our club has ventured on, even with the dynamic nature of the pandemic. Our club has been able to gain a few new members. This year our Program/Membership Chairs re-vamped our club handbook. The cover has an original watercolor print done by a member's daughter. It's beautiful!

Sadly, we lost Lovey Lathi quite unexpectedly in November. She was a long-time member and stronghold for our club. Her death saddened us to the core. An outdoor Celebration of Life, brought family and friends together to share her beautiful Light and Grace in which she lived.

Casual Conversations

Something our club does once a month, in addition to the scheduled meetings, is "Casual Conversations." When the weather is nice, we meet at our local Happy Valley Park. We bring our beverage of choice, a comfy chair and sometimes folks bring a Horticulture specimen to "show and tell" about. The laughter and chatting carries across the park, lures prospective new members to wander in. As the weather cooled down, some of us continued to meet at a darling local coffee shop – Elka Bee's on Sunnyside Road, finding it the perfect place to meet. They reserve the large room for us. And, for 90 minutes, we visit, enjoy warm beverages and nibble on the home baked goodies. We leave with a full tummy and warm heart.

Meetings

This fall our club took a field trip to One Green World in Portland. We had a wonderful young man give us the history of the nursery and a nice tour that we enjoyed. It was all outdoors and we felt safe. Being with friends and plants really filled our emotional buckets!

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Another meeting involved having a Master Gardener give us a talk on the Monarch Butterfly. She helped us to understand it's plight, lifecycle and human impacts, both positive and negative.

In January, we had a Zoom meeting planned, and we were glad of it; with the rising numbers of Covid-19. We like to have fun, but staying safe is of the utmost importance to us!!! We watched a great DIY video on Fairy Gardens, perfect to lift us from the gray winter gloom.

Party

December was all about gathering to celebrate Christmas. We had a lovely luncheon at McMenamin's Kennedy School in NE Portland. Food, nifty goodie bags, holiday décor, games, ugly Christmas Sweaters and a gift exchange helped us to make merry; with some social distancing and masks thrown in for good measure.

Many thanks - Priscilla



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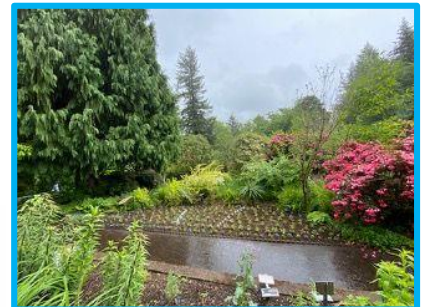
Happy Valley Garden Club

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Happy Valley Garden Club
November 2021 Meeting



Happy Valley Garden Club
One Green World



MEDFORD GARDEN CLUB *Carolyn Stieber, President*

We have had successful monthly Zoom meetings hosted by the treasurer, Eileen Piker and we are staying in touch with all members through our superior newsletter edited by Rosenelle Florencechild. This has been a challenging time for the Medford Garden Club because many of our members want to wait to meet in person when the danger of the virus has diminished in the Medford area.

With the hope that we can be together in the coming months Spring outdoor programs are being planned by Wendy Tracy and Judy Acken. They have arranged visits to the Dunbar Farms in Medford and Hanley Farms in Jacksonville.

Our nominating committee has identified members who will hold offices for 2022-2023. The Medford Garden Club is very fortunate to have members who will step up to hold an office.

It was learned that some staff employees at Providence Hospital could use some community support! So recently several of Medford Garden Club members met at Baldassare Mineo's Italo Gardens in Medford and created a number of lovely floral arrangements to present to the employees.

A collection of historical documents about the Medford Garden Club shows the difference in goals and purpose than we have today. The original garden group was established in 1926 and called the Medford Flora Society. It appears that their main interest was to display floral arrangements, conduct flower shows, encourage civic beautification and hold social events. By 1928, the name was changed to the Medford Garden Club. Most of what is known about the early days come from detailed meeting minutes.



Grow & Show Garden Club Salem

The Grow & Show Garden Club in Salem celebrated their 60th Anniversary on February 7, 2022!

As OSFGC President, I made a special presentation to the club president, Raquel Vargas-Calderon, with a certificate.

There were colorful balloons on the tables and pretty potted plants. They shared a video of their history, did a fun activity, enjoyed a garden skit, opened their commemorative gift, had cake and punch, and finished with door prizes.

There was plenty of laughter and fun throughout the evening and I was glad to be a part of it.

Congratulations!

Cheryl Drumheller
OSFGC President
2021-2023



Sandy Garden Club John Ludi, President

During these challenging times the Sandy Garden Club found it difficult to find outside speakers for programs for the monthly meetings. Since we have many knowledgeable gardeners in our group, our Program Chair, Rosy Taylor, decided to put together program/interests that draw on all that expertise. For each month's program, a homework assignment/worksheet was provided to each member. Member input was provided back to our program chair prior to the monthly meeting.

Member comments were combined and used as a starting point for further discussion at the meeting.

For our November meeting, our theme was "Four Seasons of Color And Texture In The Garden." Member comments included various trees, shrubs, annuals, biennials, perennials, bulbs and man-made structures. Plants included fruits, vegetables and flowers. The list for each season is quite extensive.

January's program theme "Tips and Tricks In The Garden" brought about many exciting comments. The questionnaire for homework assignment included "How can you provide structure and interests/layers and levels in the garden? How do you "divide" garden areas? Do you have any "pathways" or "walkways"? What kind? Do you have any "garden structures? What additions do you have or would like to have... beyond plants? How/where do you store your garden tools? Any "unusual" or "unique" plants in your garden? How do you keep track or document what is in your garden? Are there any special "things" that you do during the different times of the year? Any questions you might have for other Garden Club Members?

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Sandy Garden Club continued

At the meeting, in addition to sharing additional comments to the various questions, a member "Show & Tell" of their favorite gardening tool(s) was an added feature.

Member comments on "What Does Your Garden/Gardening Do For You?" will be used as an activity for sharing at our March meeting.

Members of the Sandy Garden Club come from eighteen households (five are husband/wife members), all are retired, some live in town, others in an urban area and a couple of country folks. Previous occupations include education (teachers), military, mail delivery clerk and farmers. We all look forward to our monthly meetings and sharing of activities.



DALLAS GARDEN CLUB Gaye Stewart, President

Dear Gardening Friends,

A new year is an appropriate time to look back to the year just past and reflect on and remember lessons learned that will encourage us to think, with eager anticipation, about what lies ahead.



Renewal

*Happy New Year to my garden club friends
Now that year 2021, finally ends!
Covid virus affecting all with such force,
Closed schools, businesses and
illness brought remorse.*

*Struggles ensued with weather so hot.
Causing concern for the increasing drought.
Forest fires ignited and raged North to South .
Leaving people homeless, living hand-to-mouth.*

*Smoke hung heavy in the rancid air
With air quality advisories for us to take care
Natural resources depleted leaving
charred remains
Yet hope for the future continually gains*

*Canyon cities destroyed; some lives lost
Resilient people vow to rebuild, despite the cost
People overwhelmed by suffering and pain
See ways to rekindle, restore and regain*

*Where can they turn? You may ask
The local garden club is up to the task
There one can find a new friend, or two
With great activities and fun things to do
What can you plant in your yard to grow?
They will help you be in the know.*

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Renewal continued

*Contests abound for you to do
With prizes and publicity, just for you
Field trips to nurseries and growers to see
Bring your own car so safe from Covid you'll be*

*Some clubs have Zoom meetings
so all can attend
Those who have need, can watch with a friend
Together we'll plant our pollinator gardens
And nurture the soil so it doesn't harden*

*Embellish our garden sanctuaries with
beauty and care*

*To revive our spirits while being there
The year 2022 has finally arrived
Filled with hope and joy to survive*

*Invite your friends to share the fun
Become a member, one by one
Bring your smile, joy and friendship to give
Together we can make a difference
where we live.*

Happy New Year!

Gaye Stewart, President
Dallas Garden Club

CLUB NEWS continued

Dallas Garden Club Tea Cup Floral Arrangements Submitted by Nita Wood

On February 22, 2022, the Dallas Garden Club invited the Capitol District to their club meeting and workshop to make floral arrangements in a tea cup of their choice.

Several members of the Grow and Show Garden Club joined the Dallas Garden Club and participated.

We had a wonderful time of getting to know each other and making our designs, each very different, but all a delight!

Gaye Stewart provided all the flowers (from Columbia) and oasis for the workshop and the participants had fun selecting from the variety.

Our District Director, Mike Stewart, kept things on track with periodic announcements of how-to's as we were all excited about making our arrangements and selecting our flowers.



CLUB NEWS continued

Button/Valentine's Project Hillsboro Garden Club



After Hillsboro Garden Club's February meeting, members enjoyed making bouquets for surprise valentine gifts.

Sonya
Hillsboro Garden Club,
Publicity Chairman
House Princess 🏠

Note: Native plants and Pollinator plants will be specifically labeled.



Beaverton Garden Club members preparing plants for their annual plant sale.

BEAVERTON
GARDEN CLUB
14TH ANNUAL PLANT SALE



SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH
8:30 AM TO 2:00 PM

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PARKING LOT
5105 SW FRANKLIN AVE
OFF 5TH STREET - BEAVERTON

1500+ PERENNIALS, SHRUBS,
TREES, VEGGIE & HERB STARTS,
HOUSEPLANTS, SUCCULENTS
PLANTED CONTAINERS W/RAFFLE

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PLEASE WEAR MASKS IF REQUIRED.

Plight of the Butterfly
Jo Ann Conway
Coos Bay Garden Club
Rogue District

In addition to being nice to look at and a pleasant addition to summer most people take little notice of an insect that is as common as grass. Or are they?

Look a little closer at something many people might take for granted. For example: Did you know that a butterfly tastes with its feet, smells through its antennae and drinks through its “nose”? And those beautiful colors are there to warn off predators?

Worldwide there are 17,500 of types of butterflies that live everywhere except in Antarctica. They are responsible for helping pollinate $\frac{3}{4}$ of all flowers.

The most studied butterfly is the Monarch. With its signature orange and black wings, it is the only insect that mimics bird migration. In October there are two large migrations: one coming from the Eastern United States and one from Canada. The Eastern ones winter over in Pismo Beach, California, the Canadian group in Mexico. They return Northward beginning in February when the days start getting longer.

In 1980 there were 4.7 million Monarchs. Today 97% of them are gone. So, what happened?

Here are some of the reasons:

One of the biggest threats to the Monarch is the destruction of its food supply. Whereas the Panda eats only bamboo, the Monarch eats only thistle-weed leaves. In its caterpillar stage, thistle leaves provide food and shelter; first for the caterpillar and then for the cocoon; the silky home in which it lives for 10 to 14 days. Unfortunately

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Plight of the Butterfly *continued*

for the butterfly, thistle is a threat to agriculture and is methodically sprayed with poison and killed to protect human's food crops. Other places that thistle is killed are fields where cattle graze and ditches alongside roads for roadside maintenance. Homeowners spray weeds in their yards.

Another threat to all butterflies as well as birds and wildlife is housing development where large parcels of land are broken up. Trees are cut, houses built, cities expand. Industry and farms replace wilderness.

With habitat destroyed, connectivity is disrupted for which all wildlife depends on to remain healthy.

In Southern California, Eucalyptus trees were planted in the 1900's. Monarchs began overwintering in the tree's heavy canopy as the trees offered protection from rain and bad weather. However, recently California has begun destroying its Eucalyptus trees to protect homes from wildfires.

Where Monarchs overwinter in Mexico, large areas of forests are being cut, burned and replaced with palm-oil plantations.

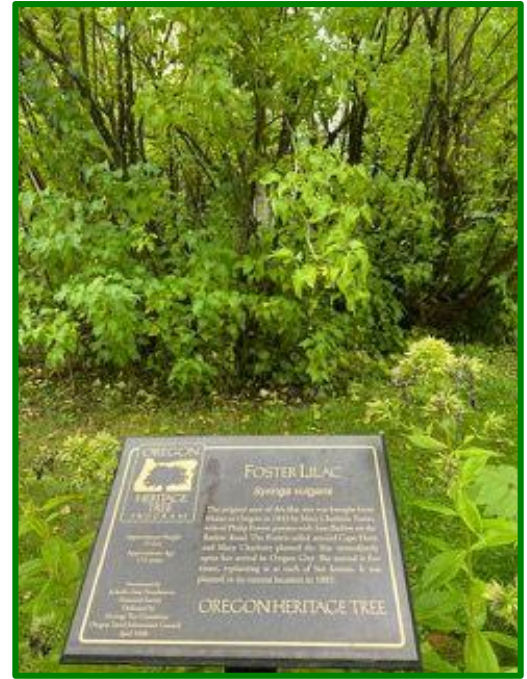
And, ironically, tourism plays a part in reducing the numbers of Monarchs. Each year, 150,000 people visit Mexico hoping to see the Monarch migration. The dust from 300,000 feet of tourists makes it hard for the butterflies to breath.

To help the plight of the Monarch, and all butterfly's, thoughtfully planted gardens are lifelines. Mow less. Shrink your lawn. Focus on plants preferred by pollinators such as natives. And last, maybe let dandelions grow. A healthier habitat means healthier humans.

DISTRICT NEWS

Clackamas District Fall Meeting, 2021

Foster Lilac Oregon Heritage Tree





In Memoriam

Enid Briggs

May 3, 1925 - December 16, 2021

Enid Briggs was a great friend to all our members of OSFGC. Many of us remember her great success with youth groups and clubs, as she was that chairman for many terms. Children were drawn to Enid because she made everything interesting: plants, animals, the ocean, the skies, the forest - endless topics. Enid was born in Milwaukie on Briggs Avenue, graduated from Milwaukie High School, was a long time member of Milwaukie Garden Club, served as Clackamas District Director back when meetings were held in grange halls. Enid and her sister Adele were instrumental in maintaining the Milwaukie Historical Society Museum. The Milwaukie Garden Club was awarded the Claire Belsher award for the restoration of the planters at the museum. Always with a smile and a cheerful word, she did her best with everything that came her way.

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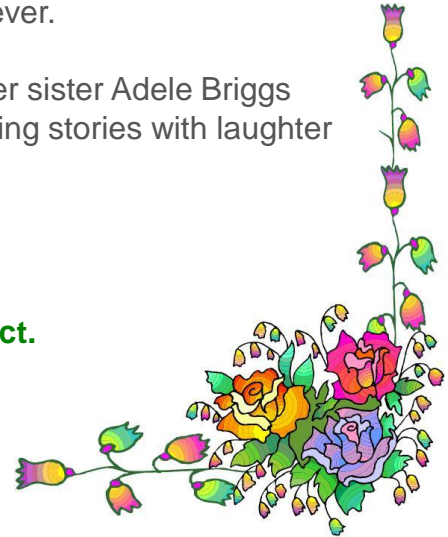
In Memoriam

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A founding member of Milwaukie Covenant Church, Enid's memorial service was filled with stories of the many ways she served Christ and taught others to love the gospel. She was a science teacher at Knappa High School at the coast and then came to teach at North Clackamas Christian School. Her students were "her kids" for their entire lives. At Oral Hull Foundation for the Blind in Sandy, Enid was a summer counselor. One of the original board members at Clackamas Community College, the Enid Briggs Native Plant Trail is dedicated to her. Native plants were her specialty, and she planted these wherever possible. Loved by everyone who was lucky enough to know her, sending a birthday card resulted in Enid writing a nature poem and mailing it back the next day. At the close of her memorial, copies of her poems were given to friends. Enid was one-of-a kind and will be missed forever.

Now she is with her sister Adele Briggs Wilder, again sharing stories with laughter and love.

Submitted by
Jane Sercombe
Clackamas District.



REGIONAL NEWS

Penny Pines Update

Claudia Hambacker, Penny Pines Chair

Many thanks to Chris Schmidt, Account Assistant at NGC headquarters, who provided information of the total number of Plantations from the Pacific Region Garden Clubs from June 2020 to November 2021. There were 319 Plantations for a total contribution of \$21,592.00. Individual States are listed below from most to least.

State Plantations Monetary Amount

State	Plantations	Monetary Amount
1. Oregon	183	\$12,444.00
2. Washington	54	\$3,672.00
3. California	52	\$3,336.00
4. Arizona	12	\$816.00
5. Nevada	10	\$680.00
6. Idaho	7	\$476.00
7. Alaska	1	\$68.00
8. Hawaii	0	\$0

It is important to note that Oregon gave many honorarium and memorial plantations. This is an excellent way to increase your state's numbers and something other states may wish to consider. An Honorarium thank you to speakers at State or District meetings is an excellent way to provide lasting recognition of the speaker's presentation or an individual who has worked especially hard on a project or someone who has given generously of their time, talents, or contribution. In January of 2023 the numbers from January 2022 through December 2022 will be reviewed and posted. We will then be able to keep an accurate year to year accounting for States and the PRGC.

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Pacific Region Convention Las Vegas, Nevada

April 25-27, 2022

**THEME
RESPECT the Region – Recycle,
Reuse, Repurpose.**

Some of you probably remember the hilarious R-E-S-P-E-C-T performance by Kristie Livreri and her crew at the Oregon Pacific Region Convention in August. Come more fun in Vegas!

The Plaza Hotel
1 Main Street in Downtown Las Vegas.
Reservation line is 800-634-6575.
(Open 7 a.m.-10 p.m.).



National Garden Club

NGC Gardening School

Hello Garden Club Members,

We on the NGC Gardening School team, are happy to announce. . .

*the forthcoming Gardening School will be **internationally** provided by ZOOM on . . .*

April 5 and 6, 2022

The NGC website (www.gardenclub.org) also provides this information, under the "Schools" tab.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors. This will be a wonderful class to help us prepare for our Spring gardens.

*In friendship,
Shirley Schmidt
NGC Gardening School
Vice Chairman*



National Garden Week June 5-11, 2022

Nita Wood

National Garden Week Chair
Attention all garden clubs!

It is time to begin thinking of a project for National Garden Week coming up June 5-11, 2022.

Planning something which involves your community is always a good way to promote National Garden Club goals and inspire others to join your garden club.

Here are some ideas:

- ❖ Put on a floral design demonstration for a retirement home
- ❖ Plant a pollinator garden at a public facility or historical site
- ❖ Do a gardening project with a youth club or school
- ❖ Set up an educational exhibit at your local library or other public site.



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