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SUMMER ISSUE



Honeybees

Cheryl Drumheller



In keeping with the second part of my theme: "Promote our Pledge, Protect our Pollinators," this article is about Honeybees.

Within the past few years, beekeepers have reported there has been a 3 million decline in honeybee colonies. This was known as Colony Collapse Disorder, when bees left their hives and did not return.

As important as bees are to our food sources, no one knew why this was taking place. Several feasible causes were identified, but so far, there is no "best" answer.

If you are thinking of raising honeybees, Jessica Edgson wrote an interesting article in February 2022, titled, "Top 10 Facts About Bees to Get You Started." <https://petpedia.co/bee-facts/>

This is what she wrote:

- There are 3 types of bees in a colony: the queen, the workers, and the drones.
- Bees have an exceptional sense of smell.
- Researchers discovered a bee fossil that is 100 million years old.



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Honeybees

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- Bees have 5 eyes.
- Bees use the sun to help them navigate.
- Drone bees cannot hurt you because they don't have a stinger.
- A queen bee lays 1 egg in 43 seconds.
- A hive could have more than 1 queen.
- *Bombus dahlbomii* are the world's largest bumblebees.
- Bumblebees build their homes near the ground.

Top 5 Ways to Save the Bees

Posted by Ann Garaygay in August 2021

<https://projecthoneybees.com/blogs/news/top-5-ways-to-help-save-the-bees>

1. Adopt a bee from Project Honeybees. They sell bee-themed merchandise which brings awareness and money for honeybee research.
2. Avoid using non-stick pans as they release toxic chemicals into the air when heated. Honeybees inhale the air before eventually settling on plants that pollinators visit for food or water. It's been shown that these chemicals can affect the bee's ability to navigate back home, make new queens, or produce enough worker bees for their hive. Also, these chemicals have been linked to declines in honeybee populations and other pollinators like bumblebees and butterflies.

Honeybees continued

Honeybees continued

3. Work to reduce your pesticide use. Pesticides can be harmful to bees, other pollinators, and the environment. Using a natural approach to reducing pests in our gardens will help save bee populations and promote biodiversity among garden plants. Good alternatives for pest control include handpicking insects and their eggs from leaves, late-summer plantings of fragrant herbs such as thyme and rosemary, and ladybugs (they are natural predators for aphids) or using nematodes to control soil-inhabiting pests.
4. Plant a bee friendly garden using flowers and herbs to encourage honeybee flourishing. And wildflowers are the perfect food for bees' pollination. Bees are attracted to clover, mints, lavender, asters, and sunflowers.
5. Become a beekeeper. As the honeybee population declines, we need more "beekeepers." And, it's an inexpensive hobby!

Things you will need:

- A glass jar, a screw-top lid, and sugar water to feed your new bees.
- Lastly, you'll need bees! Contact a local beekeeper to purchase a colony of bees and learn how to keep bees sustainably and responsibly.



OSFGC NEWS

Note from 1st Vice President

A NOTE FROM YOUR 1ST Vice President *Carolyn Olley*



Hello everyone. I hope you are having a good, healthy, summer. I'm thrilled to see the sun! My yard is being re-done as I sit here writing this. We're getting some ruts in the yard smoothed out, some drainage problems are going to be a thing of the past and my lawn is going to be all one kind of grass for a change. I'm looking forward to it being finished.

I was able to attend the 94th Annual OSFGC Convention that was held in North Bend along the Oregon Coast in June. If you were not able to attend, you missed some great workshops conducted by Robin Pokorski, excellent speakers from the Roadside Council, the Cape Arago Audubon Society, Wavecrest Discoveries, and LOTS more. Of course, Robin Pokorski's keynote speech at the Wednesday banquet that challenged future leaders was very motivating.

Mary Kerr and her team did an excellent job putting all the little pieces of the Convention into one fantastic event puzzle.

1st VP Note continued



1st VP Note continued

Now I would like to look to the future and the upcoming year. Please invite me (and the whole Executive Committee team) to your District Meetings and special events. I enjoy getting out to meet our members. Don't worry about mailing me an invitation, an email will do fine. I will come if I am able.

I want to thank all of the clubs who were able to recruit new members. You did a great job, and your OSFGC Leadership team appreciates your hard work. We registered 210 new members this year. But our work is not done, there are hundreds more people out there that are just waiting to be invited to join a garden club. For those of you whose club did not grow this year, it's OK. You still have next year!

I also want to thank the Presidents, Treasurers and Membership Chairpersons of our clubs who have sent me the (preferably email) addresses of their new club members. I hope more of you will use the form on the website, if you can. If not, I'll fill it out for you when you send me the names and addresses (preferably email) of your new 2022-2023 members.

I'm looking forward to the Fall and being able to get out and meet more of our members. I also hope to see many of you in October at the Fall State Board Meeting in Grants Pass.

OSFGC

2nd Vice President & Youth Chair

Phyllis's Tidbits

*Submitted by Phyllis Olson
OSFGC 2nd Vice President & Youth Chair*

A great big thank you to everyone who participated in our convention ! It was a great success, and so much fun. Mary Kerr and her team were fantastic.

A special thanks to designer Robbyn Repp for so many things.

The Oregon Garden

For many years our clubs have been supporting and enjoying this beautiful and unique botanical garden.

In the 1940's the Oregon Association of Nurseries explored the idea of developing a botanical garden.

Finally on June 27th, 1997 groundbreaking was held. In 2000 the CHILDREN'S GARDEN was created. We have been a part ever since. Oregon Garden Foundation as of 2021 has assumed management of the botanical garden.

We are still working on the ship project in the Children's Garden. With Covid-19 and changes in the garden's ownership, it was put on hold. We are now scheduled to move forward with it.

I will keep you all updated as this exciting new play structure advances.

Flower Show

In schools Course 1 will be held October 4th and 5th. Hosted by Oregon. More information will be on our website and the NGC website as we firm-up details.



NATIONAL Awards



NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS INC.

NATIONAL AWARD

Cheryl Drumheller having been duly elected as President of The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. is hereby presented as a

**NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.**

NATIONAL GARDEN CLUBS, INC.

**MAE-6A Membership Increase
Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs,
Inc.**

Linda Nelson Bentson

Scholarship Winner

Abigail Lilith Gribskov

**Sponsored by the Oregon State Federation
of Garden Clubs, Inc.**

Song of Summer

By Lenore Hetrick

I hear the voice of summer
Singing a song of flowers,
Singing a sound of meadows
Where buttercups spring in sowers.
Her voice is high and lilting
As summer gets under way
I think that I shall join her song
Now that it's school's last day.

I see the foot of summer
In every shady lane.
She leaves deep beds of daisies
To make her footprints plain.
I think that I shall gather
Daisies for a crown,
And side by side with summer
I'll fly right out of town.



Don't wait for someone
to bring you flowers.
Plant your own garden
and decorate your own soul

Luther Burbank

OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022



OSFGC CONVENTION

Submitted by Pat Johnson

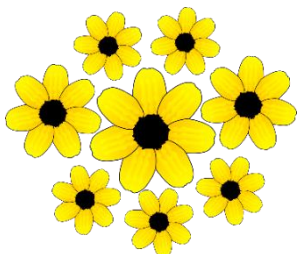
OSFGC Convention Co-Chair and Treasurer

The 94th Annual OSFGC Convention was a wonderful experience for the attendees and guests. Many out-of-area people commented on the beauty of the area and the friendliness of the local people. The convention site was a welcoming venue for attendees of all ages and interests. The Mill Casino Hotel staff were very helpful and welcoming. The foods were excellent and highlighted our area with choices that included salmon and steelhead.

Attendees were encouraged to take self-guided or small group tours of the state and local parks. Local areas of interest such as Sea Coast Gardens and Chuck's Seafood were also highlights for some. Many attendees looked forward to watching the sunsets at the beach and early morning walks on the boardwalk.

Silent auctions and treasure chest drawings were offered throughout the convention days. Districts throughout the state donated desirable items that helped make this fundraiser a success. Many additional items offered had been donated by local Bay-area merchants. OSFGC attendees gave positive comments about the support and kindness of the local merchants for this garden club event.

Convention continued



Convention continued

In keeping with State President Cheryl Drumheller's theme: "Promote our Pledge, Protect our Pollinators," we had a terrific lineup of speakers to inspire us to focus on our air, water, forest, land and wildlife. In addition, Robin Pokorski, immediate former Pacific Region Director, presented information on leadership with a variety of tools and helpful hints to encourage teamwork and building memberships.

Routine convention business, shopping, and award presentations as well as socializing with gardening friends was a large part of convention life. Overall, a good time was had by all!

Rogue District

Submitted by Mary Kerr

Rogue District Director

The Rogue District was honored to organize the first in-person convention since 2019. We had over 20 Rogue District volunteers who gave of their time and energy to help provide a convention that focused on the first part of President Cheryl's theme, "Promote our Pledge, ..." Individual speakers delivered insightful information on all five conservation areas, giving us programming ideas to incorporate in our own District meetings and club programs throughout the coming year.

The Conservation Florals gained the spotlight and were well received, thanks to Char Mutschler, Phyllis Olson, Carole Schuldt and Linda Shamp. Many Rogue District volunteers enjoyed learning and working with new floral industry materials to provide imaginative table centerpieces. This part of our floral agenda was led by Coos Bay Garden Club member, Robbyn Repp, who instructed our ladies how to use the latest innovative materials. The clever, Recycled Centerpiece Contest, designed by each District and displayed at Tuesday's luncheon, was won by the Multnomah District. Congratulations on your creative design!

All in all, we enjoyed the few days we had to share ideas, learn new concepts, complete the organization's business, rekindle friendships and make new ones. Thank you for coming.

OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022

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OSFGC STATE CONVENTION

*Submitted by Charmane Mitchell
Coquille Valley Garden Club, President
OSFGC State Convention Co-Chair
OSFGC Herb Chair
OSFGC Mahonia Co-Editor*

The Rogue Districted hosted the 94th Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs state convention this year. The venue was the Mill Casino in Coos Bay, offering delicious menu selections, great hospitality by staff members and beautiful views of the waterfront.

This was my first time attending a state convention, and it was well worth it! Meeting new people, and connecting the familiar name with a face was great. I enjoyed the speakers, and the upbeat energy of everyone there. As I presented the opening welcome on Tuesday morning, it was delightful to look out into the audience and see the lovely smiling faces that also love gardening.

It was an honor, and a delight, to serve OSFGC as Herb Chairperson with an herb display which were offered for sale at the end of the event. Thanks for finding a few and giving them a new home!

As your Mahonia Co-Editor, I would also like to thank you for your support in this publication as we share each other's club, district and state activities.



Mt. Hood District Attendees:

Trish Paige, Lauree Winfield, Norma Curtis, Phyllis Olson, Kathy Kelsay, Kay Lincoln, Gloria Collie



Pioneer District Attendees;

Patty Sorensen & Mike Stewart, McMinnville Garden Club; Peggy Trees & Nadine Holten, Tigard Garden Club; Victoria Fuller & Bruna McBride, Beaverton Garden Club; Peggy Schaller, Pioneer District Director, St. Helens Garden Club.

OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022 AWARDS



OSFGC AWARDS

Garden of Distinction Jane Sercombe,
Chairman

Parkdale Bicentennial Memorial Garden
Parkdale Garden Club, Mt. Hood District

Suzie Twist Powell Designer of the Year
Shirley Schmidt, Chairman

Sherry, Eugene Garden Club, has been an integral part of her garden club as well as OSFGC, teaching design in clubs as well as working with several senior facilities for several years. Sherry inspires others to become involved in creative floral design.

YEARBOOK

Peggy Schaller, Chairman

Clubs under 20 members

1st Place: Petal Pushers Garden Club,
Multnomah District

Clubs between 30-44 members

1st Place: Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer
District

2nd Place: Happy Valley Garden Club,
Clackamas District

Clubs between 45-69 members

1st Place: Beaverton Garden Club, Pioneer
District

2nd Place: Jacksonville Garden Club, Siskiyou
District

Awards continued

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Clubs between 70-99 members

1st Place: Coos Bay Garden Club, Rogue
District

District with 278 members

1st Place: Siskiyou District, Jackson &
Josephine Counties

YEARBOOK COVER

Peggy Schaller, Chairman

Clubs under 20 members

3rd Place: Multnomah Garden Club, Portland
District

Honorable Mention: Petal Pushers Garden
Club, Multnomah District

Clubs between 30-44 members

1st Place: Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer
District

Honorable Mention: Happy Valley Garden
Club, Clackamas District

Clubs between 70-99 members

2nd Place: Coos Bay Garden Club, Rogue
District



OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022

AWARDS continued



CLUB NEWSLETTERS

Norma Curtis, Chairman

1st Place: “BGC News” Beaverton Garden Club, Pioneer District

1st Place: “The Cultivator” Dallas Garden Club, Capitol District

1st Place: Jacksonville Garden Club, Siskiyou District

1st Place: “Garden Clippings” Medford Garden Club, Siskiyou District

1st Place: Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer District

OSFGC Anniversary Certificates of Merit 2022



95 YEARS

- Estacada Garden Club, Clackamas District
- Eugene Garden Club, Willamette District
- Illinois Valley Garden Club, Siskiyou District
- McMinnville Garden Club, Pioneer District



75 YEARS

- Depoe Bay Garden Club, Pacific District
- Dufur Valley Garden Club, Mt. Hood District
- Nestucca Valley Garden Club, North Coast District
- Oakridge Garden Club, Willamette District
- Oak Lodge Garden Club, Clackamas District
- Springfield Garden Club, Willamette District
- Tigard Garden Club, Pioneer District

Anniversaries continued

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60 YEARS

- Gro & Show Garden Club, Capitol District



40 YEARS

Sunny Hills Garden Club
Clackamas District



30 YEARS

- Oregon Daffodil Society Salem Area Garden Club, Santiam District



OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022

Awards continued



2022 OSFGC VIRTUAL PHOTO CONTEST WINNERS

Submitted by
OSFGC 2nd Vice-President

Congratulations, the 2022 OSFGC Virtual Photo Contest was a huge success. There were 90 entries from 16 garden clubs. There were seven categories and members were allowed to enter only one photo in each category.

The judge was the vice president of the Caveman Camera Club, Dale George, and he said, "To my mind, there were winning images in the 7 categories that stood above the others." Each pleasing for different reasons...so it seems fitting that the winner represents what gardening is about, growing and cultivating beauty. And the winners were:

1. Animals

1st Place: Paula Doughty, Grow & Show Garden Club

2nd Place: Tanja Swanson, Northside Garden Club

3rd Place: Elaine Cramer, Coos Bay Garden Club

2. Birds

1st Place: Yolanda Moser, Beaverton Garden Club

2nd Place: Caroline Richards, Lebanon Garden Club

3rd Place: Elaine Cramer, Coos Bay Garden Club

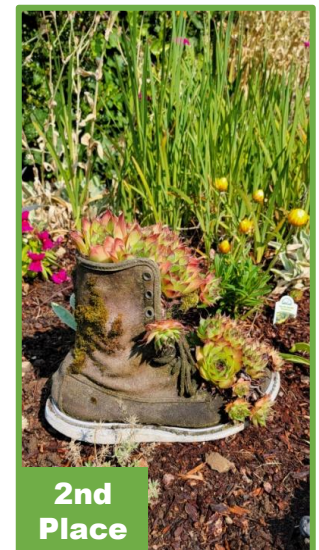
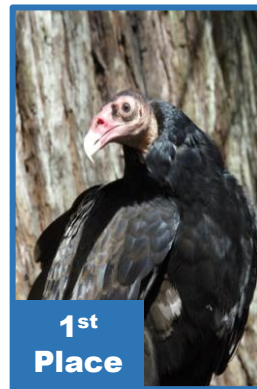
3. Gardens

1st Place: Cindy Winfield, Hood River Evening Garden Club

2nd Place: Elaine Cramer, Coos Bay Garden Club

3rd Place: Sonya Novak, Coos Bay Garden Club

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Photo Contest continued

4. Insects/ Butterflies

- 1st Place:** Patty Boynton, Eugene Garden Club
2nd Place: Lynn Stevens, Tigard Garden Club
3rd Place: Cindy King, Grants Pass Garden Club

5. Presidents Choice (Pets in the Garden)

- 1st Place:** Cheryl Drumheller
2nd Place: Laura Adams, Columbian Garden Club,
3rd Place: Raquel Vargas, Grow & Show Garden Club

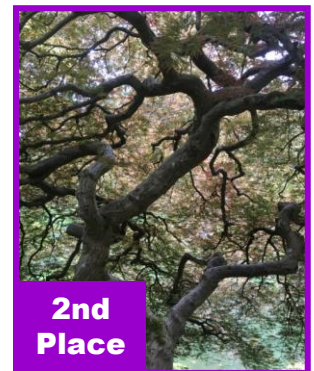
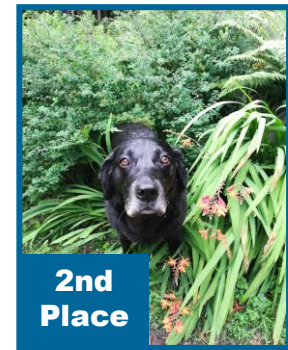
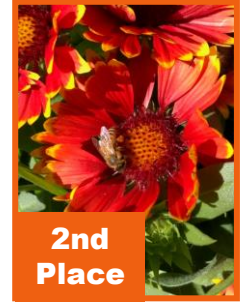
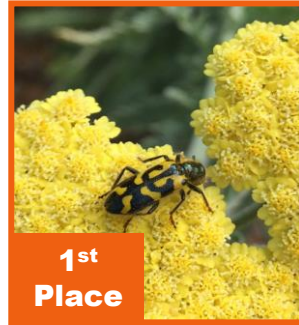
6. Floral Blooms

- 1st Place:** Caroline Richards, Lebanon Garden Club
2nd Place: Gretchen Blanchard, Coos Bay Garden Club
3rd Place: Judi Barkley, Salmon River Garden Club

7. Scenery

- 1st Place:** Elaine Cramer, Coos Bay Garden Club
2nd Place: Marisue Larson, Posy Pickers Garden Club
3rd Place: Renata Stanko, Lebanon Garden Club

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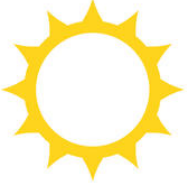


Photo Contest continued:

BEST IN SHOW

Caroline Richards, Lebanon Garden Club



YOUTH POETRY CONTEST

Sandra Rassi, Chairman

1st Place – Marvin Klink, “Dive Down Low”
Kindergarten – Oregon City, OR

Dive Down Low

Marvin Klink, Oregon City, OR 

Birdie, Birdie, fly in the sky.
Birdie, Birdie, zooms so high.
Birdie, Birdie, dives down low.
Birdie, Birdie, plays in the snow

Youth Poetry Contest continued

1st Place – Daphne Ruprecht, “Songbirds”
4th Grade – West Linn, OR



SONGBIRDS

Daphne Ruprecht, West Linn, OR

Songbirds are just like us
They need air to breathe and song to live
They can fly
We can walk
We're all alike
We're all different
When I wake up in the morning
I think it's so nice
To hear the birds chirping
And the water in the creek flowing
Imagine flying instead of walking
Singing instead of talking
Imagine being a bird

1st Place – Forest Rassi, “Morning Concert”
7th Grade – Oregon City, OR



MORNING CONCERT

Forest Rassi, Oregon City, OR

There's no other place I'd rather be than
watching the birds arrive for their early a Capella
concert

Among the leafy trees and bush thickets
they settle in just as the sun's rays greet the
morning

The beautiful feathered choir members choose
perfect places to balance and perform
Oh, my, what a lovely sound, what a colorful
scene, what an amazing happening”

It's awesome!!

How does your day start?
Do you have a morning concert in your yard?
Check it out!
Listen!

OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022

Photos



Accustical Guitarist:
Edwin DeLong



7 Categories of Winning Photos



Coos Bay Garden Club member, Terry Tardie, was a Secret Garden vendor.



Speaker Brad Parks
"Washed Ashore"



Coos Bay Garden Club member, Soni O'Riordan, makes speaker floral gift bouquet.



Bernie Woods w/helpers Cynthia Day and Alex & Daisy Olson.



Forest, Land, Wildlife Conservation Floral Arrangement.

OSFGC STATE CONVENTION 2022

Photos continued



Tuesday Business Meeting Introductions.



President Cheryl's Family Guests



Giving Reports, Jenny Dahrens and Shirley Schmidt.



OSFGC President Cheryl Drumheller is presented winning Recycled Centerpiece.



OSFGC Facebook Page

***Submitted by Tanja Swanson
tanjandy@gmail.com***

- Did you know that the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs has a Facebook page?
- How often do you look at it?
- Does your Club or District have a Facebook page?
- It would be really easy to share what you are putting on your Club's or District's Facebook on the State page.

Besides that our members will enjoy your entries, you will also have a wider audience and people who come upon our OSFGC Facebook page will be impressed with everything that is going on in our State.

So be proud of what you accomplish and share it with the world!

Any questions contact Tanja Swanson. Her email is listed above.

What is AmazonSmile?

***Submitted by Tanja Swanson
tanjandy@gmail.com***

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.

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When you shop with AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

Please, if you buy from Amazon, you might as well support Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs Inc.

I just want to remind you that the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. receives money from the Amazon Smile program.

I know that many of you try to avoid the use of Amazon, but if you do use Amazon, our organization might as well profit from it.

Instead of using Amazon Prime, go to Amazon Smile and when prompted look for The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. A small percentage of your purchase will go to OSFGC.

And as you know we can always use more money. It is only worth it if as many of you participate as possible. If you signed up before, just make sure that you are still supporting our organization. Let's see how much money we can make together! Thank you.

OSFGC NEWS

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Promise Trees
Submitted by Tanja Swanson
Promise Trees Chair
tanjandy@gmail.com



Thank you to all the Clubs and individuals who have helped with the Promise Trees project! Some by donating money, some by donating raffle items, some by helping to organize a network to help distribute the \$50 vouchers! It is exciting that we are actually paying for vouchers! That means fire victims from the 2020 fires who are rebuilding their homes are finding the nurseries that will honor our vouchers and buying trees for their yards.

Our hope was that trees will give them a sense of place and a promise of a happy future. We are accomplishing that as we can see from the smiles on the faces of the people who are making use of this opportunity.

We have been able to send more than 500 vouchers to the different distribution points. If we want to hand out more vouchers to the more than 4000 homeowners who lost everything we do need to raise more money.

As such, we are still fund raising! We are applying for grants, but that is a slow long drawn out process. So please keep the Promise Trees project in mind if your Club has any extra money that you do not know what to do with!

Promise Trees continued

We still need more help in two areas in the Salem area and Siskiyou District. Other areas like Eugene and Otis at the coast are well organized. In Klamath all the fire victims have received their vouchers.

We need help bringing the word out and finding nurseries in some areas. Interested? Everyone can help with that. Just talk about Promise Trees to anyone you meet. Need more information? Ask me!



**Recipients
With
Their
Voucher's!**



Promise Trees continued



**Insurance Chairperson's Annual
Report June 8, 2022**
Submitted by Andy Swanson
OSFGC Insurance Chair

The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs currently purchases three policies:

- 1) Commercial General Liability insurance policy covers the period of 3/2022 to 3/2023 through the Philadelphia Insurance company. The annual premium price is based on the total membership 2,043 for the amount of \$1,983. This policy insures the OSFGC, Districts and Clubs in good standing and their members while performing Garden Club activities, plus added "Insured" coverage for the venues/locations for events by providing for the legal assistance and settlement costs in the event of lawsuits involving bodily and/or property damage claims. There have been 9 requests for "Added Insured" so far this year.
- 2) Directors & Officers insurance policy covers the period of 9/2022 to 9/2023 through the Cincinnati Insurance company for the annual premium price of \$775. This policy insures the Board of the OSFGC by providing for the legal assistance and settlement costs in the event of lawsuits against the Board for dereliction or violations of policies and procedures.

Insurance continued

Insurance continued

- 3) The OSFGC Crime/Theft insurance policy covers the period of 7/2022 to 7/2023 through the Hartford Insurance company for the annual premium price of \$243. This policy insures the OSFGC for the replacement of loss of money due to theft, fraud, credit card abuse, etc. The Agent of Record with the Great Basin Insurance is Rod Comer. He manages these policies for the OSFGC. The instructions in the State Directory that explain how clubs and members can learn about General Liability coverage are still current.



Flower Show School
Submitted by Phyllis Olson

Flower Show School, Course 1 will be held October 4th and 6th 2022. Hosted by Oregon. Additional details will be available on our website (osfgc.org) and the National Garden Club website (gardenclub.org) as we firm-up details.



OSFGC NEWS

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Lovely Lavender

Submitted by Charmane Mitchell
OSFGC Herb Chair

I love to walk in my garden in the late summer afternoon when the sun warms the plants! The air is filled with a heavenly aroma of herbs and vegetables.

Lavender is one of my favorite herbs, and there are many more uses than just in soap.

Here are a few ideas:

1. Pest control in your garden . . . grow several lavender plants around your garden border or near areas of your yard where deer like to congregate. The strong smell of lavender makes it harder for the deer to smell those tasty vegetables you have worked so hard to grow.
2. Sachets for moth control . . . fill tiny cloth bags with dried lavender and hang a few in your closet or tuck them in your dresser drawers. The scent keeps moths away and gives your clothes a fresh scent of lavender.
3. Cooking with lavender . . . one of my favorite recipes is a simple infusion of lavender tea! Here's the recipe: Pour one cup of boiling water over one or two teaspoons of dried lavender buds. Let steep for four or five minutes and then strain and serve. If the tea is too strong steep for a shorter time next time. The resulting cup of tea should be lightly floral, not over-powering. Add a little honey for the perfect summer tea. Lavender tea is also delicious served as an iced tea.



Blue Star Memorials

Laurel Buncak

OSFGC/ Blue Star Marker Chair

As the Blue Star Marker Chairman for the last 9 months, I have attended three Blue Star Marker dedications and one Blue Star marker rededication.

- On **October 10, 2021** the Parkdale Garden Club dedicated the new Blue Star marker at the Parkdale Bi-Centennial Memorial Garden in Parkdale Oregon.
- On **November 11, 2021** the Dallas Garden Club dedication was at the Dallas Post Office garden in Dallas Oregon.
- On **May 21, 2022** the Klamath District of Garden Clubs and the Community of Bly Oregon dedication was at the Bly Fire Department Paul Melsness Rest Area in Bly Oregon.
- And on **May 30, 2022** Memorial Day I went to Maupin Oregon for the rededication of the Maupin Dig & Hoe Garden Club Blue Star marker.

In addition to the dedication ceremonies, I also enjoyed viewing the Garden at Parkdale and the pollinator gardens at Dallas, Bly, and Maupin, seeing the different seasons showed the importance of plants for bees all year.

In my travel around the state I have stopped at Rest areas and parks, gardens and byway overlooks and viewed the ribbon of Blue Star Markers across this state because I know where they are now!

Please take a moment on your travels around the state to find Blue Star locations. You'll be able to enjoy all the work and dedication that goes into keeping them beautiful and visible.

Jane Sercombe encouraged me to become the chair and I am so happy she did! I have enjoyed learning about the Blue Star marker memorials and, as Jane offered to help me with the Blue Star processes, she will tell you more about an upcoming Blue Star installation she was instrumental in presenting to a new group out of Bend Oregon.



NOMINATIONS FOR 2023-2025 OFFICERS

*Submitted by Peggy Olin
OSFGC Nominating Committee Chair*

The Nominating Committee is looking for Officers to serve in the 2023–2025 term:

- Second Vice President
- Treasurer
- Recording Secretary

If you have someone you like to nominate, PLEASE let the Nominating Committee know: Linda Shamp, Norma Piper or Peggy Olin.

Please don't wait until the last minute to share your suggestions with the Nominating Committee.

Don't forget you can also self-nominate.

Thank you.



Changes in Leadership? *Submitted by Patty Sorensen OSFGC Corresponding Secretary patty.sorensen@gmail.com*

If your club has changed the leader who should be receiving information from OSFGC, please be sure to send their full contact information to the OSFGC Corresponding Secretary.

Thank you for helping us to communicate with the right folks!

*Helen Keller said:
"Life is a daring adventure or
nothing at all."*



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A NOTE ABOUT THE GARDENS OF ENCHANTMENT

*Submitted by Carolyn Olley
OSFGC 1st Vice President
Gardens of Enchantment Chair*

So, how are the Gardens doing? Members of Clackamas and Multnomah District Garden Clubs completed planting 936 annuals and the Gardens are looking GREAT! We spent \$483.60 on plants this year and still have \$1,184.53 in our State dedicated fund for the Gardens of Enchantment, as well as an almost equal amount in the Hull Foundation's dedicated account for the Gardens.

We may still need to get fertilizer, slug bait, and a few other things, but we have the funds to do so if needed.

If you are in the Sandy area and have some time, Hull Park staff would welcome you to come and visit. Call the office at 503-668-6195 to make sure someone will be there to give you directions. (They do have events that take staff away from showing visitors around, so it is best to call.)

Just a quick reminder, they do rent out the facility for events. You can get a hold of the staff for all the details and available times.



I AM DIFFERENT IN SOME WAYS

*Submitted by Phyllis Olson
OSFGC 2nd Vice President*

When I was born, my family lived in a province in Canada . That makes me different from you. I was born a Canadian. When I was born, I had a dark pigment to my skin . I had almost black eyes. My parents friends asked my parents “where did you get that little Native baby?” My mother laughed and said “I guess from our creator.” But I was hers and she loves me.

I am different because I am short. Some of my friends in middle school celebrated being short. It was cool to be a member of the short group.

I am different because I like snakes and spiders. Lots of people are afraid of them because they don't know how interesting they are. I enjoy seeing a snake cross the road and go into a hole. I really get a thrill when I see a spider spinning a web. The best ever is to see a spider floating on the wind while spinning her web. Isn't that how the story of “SPIDER MAN” came about?

I am different because I like to be silly. Making people laugh is a joy to me. I try to remember to smile. There was an old man in our village who had a very wrinkled face. His wrinkles were of smile lines and we called him “HAP.” I liked that. When I was young I thought to myself, “It makes me happy when I see Hap's smiling face.” As I grow older I will try to have a wrinkled smiling face like my friend HAP.

If you are different you are special. Each one of you has a difference that you can be proud of. Be humbly proud of your difference. Do not make fun of others who are not like you. We all have beating hearts. We all breathe air, therefore we are all the same, but we are thankfully different. I am not a robot

The Oregon Garden *Submitted by Phyllis Olson*

For many years our clubs have been supporting and enjoying this beautiful and unique botanical garden.

In the 1940's the Oregon Association of Nurseries explored the idea of developing a botanical garden. Finally on June 27th, 1997 groundbreaking was held. In 2000 the CHILDREN'S GARDEN was created. We have been a part ever since. Oregon Garden Foundation as of 2021, has resumed management of the botanical gardens. We are still working on the ship project in the children's gardens. With Covid 19 changes in the garden's ownership, it was put on hold. We are now scheduled to move forward . I will keep you all updated as this exciting new play structure advances.

A New Blue Star Marker *Submitted by Norma Curtis*

My husband and I stopped at the Deschutes River Park on our way to Pendleton off of I-84 and we took these two pictures.

The park is absolutely beautiful. Mt. Hood District Garden Clubs dedicated this one.

Lee and Diana Caryl worked really hard through the pandemic to get it done.



Note: If you visit a Blue Star Marker on your travels, please send a photo to the Mahonia Co-Editors. We'd love to include them in the next newsletter.



The Blue Star Marker located in the Deschutes River Park



Norma Curtis at the Blue Star Marker located in the Deschutes River Park



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Gardener of the Year Nominations Due 8/31/2022 Submitted by Nita Wood

"Anyone wishing to submit a 'Gardener of the Year' nomination needs to do so soon. Since we had no award or nominations at our Convention, you have until August 31, 2022 to do so per my announcement at the annual OSFGC Convention recently held in North Bend.

Instructions can be found on page 55 in the 2021-2023 State Directory. We have a beautiful flag and stand to give to the winner!

For those of you who submitted a nomination in 2019, you may nominate that person again.

Also, if you or your garden club did anything to promote National Garden Week (see Page 46 in the State Directory) during the 1st week of June, please submit that to me, Nita Wood at my **New address**: 1093 Chestnut St., Independence, OR 97351.

Questions? Call me at 503-871-9578. Any information you send on National Garden Week will be published in the Mahonia and Waconiah.

Pictures are always a nice way of promoting your work. Thank you as always for your participation in these important events and contests.

JUST A REMINDER FROM YOUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR TO OUR OSFGC DISTRICT DIRECTORS AND CLUB PRESIDENTS

*Submitted by Carolyn Olley
OSFGC Membership Chair
molley1755@comcast.net*

During this last year, I have sent out "Welcome to OSFGC" notes and emails to new members of our garden clubs. Members that I know about, that is.

I know that Spring is a time when some clubs have elections and install new officers. Please remind your clubs, your treasurers, and your membership chairpersons, that I need to know the names and (preferably the email) addresses of ALL new members. You can remind them, too, that there is a MEMBER WELCOME form on our OSFGC website they should use to get that information to me. They can find it under "FORMS."

Everyone's cooperation with this process is appreciated. Thank you so much. (The information collected is used in reports to National Garden Club as well.)



SMOKEY THE BEAR and WOODSY OWL



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Colleen Foster

**OSFGC Smokey Bear & Woodsy Owl Chair
Multnomah District Treasurer 2019-2023**

**Member of Petal Pusher Garden Club,
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Covid has struck Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl!. It's sad, yet true. I know it was impossible to reach school children when they were being taught online versus in a school room. Fear not, the kids are returning back to their school classrooms.

Let's take advantage of this summer and get ready for the teachers to return to their schools in August. The best thing we can do is prepare a packet of fun filled educational materials that can be given to the teacher. The teacher can copy the materials for their students and then all you will need to do is give them a date of when they will be collected.

Where can you find educational materials? Check out the Keep Oregon Green and the Oregon Forestry Service websites. There are plenty of downloads available.

What's been happening with Smokey Bear and Woodsy Owl this past year? They have been worried about the continued underground fires and the rebuilding of the burned forests.

Bear/Owl continued

Bear/Owl continued

Just the other day, I had asked my dentist, who lives in Estacada, if the forest fires are still burning underground. She said they were and like her, I was shocked since we have had the wettest spring.

This naturally piqued my interest. Did you know the Burning Mountain Nature reserve in Australia has had underground fire burning for **5500 years**? In Colorado there was a fire that burned for 92 years?

How can this be possible? Fires burn downward, obtaining air from fissures in rock and microscopic spaces between grains of dirt. In addition, the weight of rock layers above will buckle and create cracks and crevices which allow oxygen to reignite the fire. What is even more scary, there are no signs to see on the surface.

Also, it takes an average of 76 years for a forest to recover. Wow, this is the same time as our own average life span.

Let me ask you this, what imprint do you want to leave for our next generation?

Let's support Smokey the Bear and Woodsy Owl programs in our schools!



*"When you cultivate an
attitude of curiosity,
doors open and adventure
begins."*

Author Unknown



LEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN



Leach Botanical Garden Entrance Fee Rates

Starting as a 4.17 acre gift to Portland Parks and Recreation by John and Lilla Leach, Leach Botanical Garden has been free and open to the public since 1983.

Now in its fourth decade, with 17 acres and a newly developed Upper Garden, the garden has begun charging a \$5 entrance fee for everyone 6 years and older. Sustaining a well-tended, thriving, welcoming garden requires significant funding and an entrance fee is part of that essential revenue stream.

The revenue will support visitor services, garden operations, grounds upkeep, plant cultivation, facilities maintenance, the Back 5 Community Habitat Enhancement Project, community programming, and more. Your entrance fee or membership will keep this special place thriving for the enjoyment of current and future generations.

Garden Memberships are available at three different levels and are a wonderful way to support the Garden while offering the following benefits:

Leach continued



Leach continued

- ~ Free Entrance
- ~ One time guest passes
- ~ Early Entry on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- ~ Class & Gift Shop Discounts
- ~ Reciprocal Admission to over 300 gardens through the American Horticulture Society

We want the garden to remain accessible to all. If you lack the ability to pay the entrance fee, please see our admission staff to inquire about the **Garden for All** program which allows those with financial need to gain free access to the garden.

Leach Botanical Garden New Executive Director Ben Shockey

Ben Shockey is the new Executive Director of Leach Botanical Garden. Ben has years of experience with non-profit organizations as Executive Director. His experience includes a range of cultural organizations among them the Sitka Center for Art and Ecology in Otis, Oregon and the Friends of Sharon Art Studio in San Francisco, California.

Ben Shockey has a Masters Degree in English Literature, a Doctorate of Philosophy, English Literature and Cultural Studies. "Throughout his career, Ben has focused on building solid relationships at all levels, believing that those relationships provide the foundation for organizations to thrive." The "Leach Friends", staff and myself believe he is going to be a great asset for the Garden.

**Janet Conley, OSFGC & Multnomah District
Leach Garden Chairman**

LEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN continued



Leach Botanical Garden Gary W. Simone Scholarship Fund *Submitted by Janet Conley Leach Botanical Garden, OSFGC Chair Multnomah District Chair*

The Gary W. Simone Scholarship Fund was established to provide college students with practical experience in various aspects of public gardening. Leach Botanical Garden, which Gary loved, provides the garden, instruction by staff and experiences with other public gardens in the Portland area.

Gary Simone was a long time active OSFGC member. Gary revamped and conducted "The Gardening School for OSFGC" before his untimely death, as well as participated in many projects for the state including the Blue Star Memorial Marker at Multnomah Falls. His club, Columbian of Multnomah District, OSFGC, established this in Gary's name to carry on his legacy. It was presented to OSFGC and became one of the state's approved projects.

An annual contribution was set up for the Children's Garden at the Oregon Garden and serves as an example to what can be achieved. It is time for OSFGC to set up an annual contribution to the Gary W. Simone Scholarship Fund, to complement OSFGC's commitment to Leach Botanical Garden.

Scholarship Fund continued



Scholarship Fund continued

I propose a minimum of \$2,000 per year be sent up for this educational endeavor. A potential funding source for the minimum portion of this scholarship could be the interest from the Jan Iseli Dedicated Funds. The scholarship should also be supplemented with individuals and club contributions. At present, Columbian is the only Club that contributes annually a set amount. OSFGC would partner with Leach Botanical Garden in raising the necessary funds to pay for a full-time summer intern annually. At present Leach Botanical Garden needs over \$7,700 to finance a summer intern.

Please see the next page for a more thorough biography of Dr. Gary W. Simone.



LEACH BOTANICAL GARDEN

continued

Dr. Gary W. Simone

Submitted by Janet Conley

(On behalf of Gary Simone's widow Debbie Simone)

Dr. Gary W. Simone's passion for plants began when he was a child in Stamford, Connecticut, and ultimately it shaped his professional career. Gary earned his Bachelor's degree in Biological Sciences, then his Masters' and Doctorate degrees in Plant Pathology. He managed the Plant Disease Clinic at the University of Illinois after graduation.

In 1977 Gary began his professional career working for the Institute of Agricultural Sciences at the University of Florida in Gainesville. As a full professor, Gary wore three hats at the University. He simultaneously conducted scholarly research, served as Extension Plant Pathologist with responsibility for the statewide Plant Disease Clinic and taught classes. In addition to full-time students, he educated Extension Agents and diagnosticians, who served clientele at county, state, and national levels.

At the University of Florida, he had responsibility for disease control on vegetables, fruits, ornamentals and turf-grass statewide. He authored technical books, articles, Disease Control Guides, book chapters and Extension publications. In his career, Extension publications alone numbered over 500.

When he retired to Oregon, as Professor Emeritus, he pursued his passion for teaching as an instructor in Horticulture at Mt. Hood Community College. He also organized and taught Gardening Study School under the auspices of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

Dr. Gary W. Simone continued



Dr. Gary W. Simone continued

He was thrilled to see a light in a student's eyes when she or he finally "got" the information he was sharing. Never one to be idle, he built his dream greenhouse, created gardens on his property, signed on to the Columbian Garden Club (serving as their President twice) and joined the Oregon Association of Nurseries as a Director.

During his tenure, he established the Blue Star Memorial Highway Marker "Garden" at Multnomah Falls and contributed thousands of plants to the Club's plant sale.

In his gardens, he was both a scientist and an artist. Gary was constantly aware of the fragile nature of our environment and was an avid recycler and conservationist. He was always at peace when walking in the woods, along the shore or strolling in gardens. One of his favorite local places to visit was Leach Botanical Garden in Portland. He consulted with the Leach staff and volunteers to diagnose potential disease issues, and he created an artist's bazaar as a successful fundraiser.

Gary's intellect, creativity, analytical skills, and enthusiasm were boundless as he sought to gain knowledge each day. His *raison d'être* was to share his vast knowledge and watch his audiences discover just how astonishing the universe can be. During his life, which ended unexpectedly in January 2015, he never once stopped creating and growing.

Pacific Region

*Submitted by Lana Finegold
Pacific Region Director*



Lana Finegold continued

Dear Pacific Region Garden Clubs' MEMBERS:

When I was younger I wondered where confidence came from and I thought it just magically happened at a certain age. But I learned that confidence is a gift that one works towards. And I have also learned that I am not the only one to choose leadership to bolster self-confidence.

Life is a journey and we each need to enjoy the ride. Garden Club gives me chances to be creative and it has been a lifetime of learning as well. My garden is where I want to be. It sustains me with its beauty. And there is always the new flower, the new leaf, the new experience. The power to grow.

Confidence is the mask I wear to hide my insecurity. - - Lana Finegold

GROWING CONFIDENCE

I'm not afraid of leadership. I practice
all the time.
And if I'm very fortunate, my words
come out in rhyme.
I write my speeches word for word,
so goals are clearly met.
I practice many times to see if
timing's clearly set.
I've learned to listen for the sound
when microphone I use.
I make mistakes but people help me
when I am confused.
So try your hand at leadership. You
can succeed, I know.
You'll find each job rewarding.
Surprise yourself and grow.

ONE GREEN WORLD—POLLEN PUSHERS

Nearly one year into this 2021-23 term, I am most proud of PRGC for awarding three scholarships to deserving college students.

YOUTH are our gardening future as climate change threatens us everywhere. At the recent NGC convention the message was clear. BIODIVERSITY is an answer. Integrating wildflowers with crops to attract pollinators makes sense. Will it become the thing to do? Can we save pollinators?

If each of us tries, we can achieve success. I know that my yard has many different songbirds and today I saw a bunny, ducks and a squirrel. **Grow your own backyard park.** Invite your neighbors and share your skills. Every time I put free potted plants at the end of our driveway, they disappear. Spread plants in your neighborhood. What we do can help green our world.

To join Pollen Pushers, go to the PRGC website. Pick a donation level. All of your donation will support PRGC Scholarships. AND if you donate to Pollen Pushers, you will receive a beautiful brief newsletter in the months that there is no WACONIAH, the voice of Pacific Region. What WE do today will impact tomorrow. Together we build ONE GREEN WORLD.

*Lana Finegold
PRGC Director*

I love gardening so much, I wet my **PLANTS**
Romain **CALM** and **CARROT** on
Bee Sweet and **BUMBLE**

DISTRICT CHALLENGE



WANT TO SHOW HOW YOUR DISTRICT CAN SHINE?

*Submitted by Carolyn Olley
OSFGC, Inc. Membership Chairman*

- **HELP** We need to have a place for the 2024 OSFGC Convention.
- **BENEFITS** It's a lot of work and there's no pay, but members will be talking about how wonderful it was for years to come.
- **REWARD** You may even set the gold standard for the conventions of the future.

You'll need to find a place that can accommodate no more than 150 people (but that's just a guess, it'll most likely be around 125, max). We had 92 registered this year, but not everyone showed up.

You'll have former State Presidents to call on for advice, and there's even a Convention Protocol manual to offer suggestions. And best of all, your whole district can provide guidance and help to make it easier.

If you'd like to volunteer, please call or email Carolyn Olley at 503.698.5303 or molley1755@comcast.net.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Thank you so much!





Pioneer District Scholarship Committee Report *Submitted by Beverly Seibel*

The Pioneer District Scholarship Committee is happy to report an excellent recipient for one of the District's scholarships.

Allea Ceppen will be starting her second year at PCC. She is looking for a final degree in forestry at Oregon State University.

The scholarship committee would appreciate any help for finding students that need financial assistance. We are also looking into different ways to find applicants.

Peggy Schaller, Bruna McBride and Beverly Seibel



SAVE THE DATE



Pioneer District Fall Board Meeting & Luncheon

Co-Hosted by the Beaverton & Cedar Mills Garden Clubs

Date: Thursday, October 20, 2022
Time: 9:30 am – 2:00 pm
Place: Bethel Congregational
Church
Beaverton, OR

More information to follow.

We are looking forward to seeing all
of you there!



CLUB NEWS

Happy Valley Garden Club



Happy Valley Garden Club Update *Submitted by Priscilla Robinson* Co-President Happy Valley Garden Club

Meetings

The record-breaking rainfall did not dampen the spirits of the Happy Valley Garden Club this spring. Attendance was good at monthly meetings. During our social hour there were lively conversations and delicious home-baked goodies, fruits and more.

Native Bees was a very informative program.

Have you ever grown mushrooms? We had a wonderful young man talk to us about how he and his wife grow specialty mushrooms for restaurants and farmer's markets. Their resilience to make a living during the pandemic was inspirational.

Members gladly participated with professional development programs from the Backyard Habitat Certification agency in April.

That experience motivated 3 club members to have home visits to engage with recommendations on how to provide plantings, hard-scape and remediation of noxious/invasive plant species.



Happy Valley continued

Happy Valley continued

These habitat guiding principles was followed up with a June Garden tour and instruction with Clackamas Master Gardener, Leah Pulhman.

Her home is a ten-year case study of transformation from lawn and overgrown blackberries; to an oasis where birds, mammals, butterflies, bees, snakes and salamanders call home.

It's hard to believe when you see the before and after pictures. She calls it a "Work in Progress" as she manages birch trees that need removal, the addition of more native plants/flowers and nesting sites for birds. She's excited to welcome bats with roosting houses placed in the correct spots.

The expansive water feature was inviting to all the creatures great and small. Pictures don't do it justice.

Casual Conversations, our 2nd informal meeting each month continued this spring. A memorable one was when we went to an assisted living facility to visit two members who have transitioned from their large homes into a lovely community, that offers supports with independence. They had to finally kick us all out, as we were having such a good time chatting and learning about life at Miramont Pointe.

In June we had coffee, snacks and a craft at the home of Leona MacDonald; one of our founding members. We painted rocks with intricate layers of dots laid in interesting geometric designs, wildlife and of course flowers. Members had the opportunity to gain inspiration from Leona's gardens with beautiful bronze statues.

Happy Valley continued

CLUB NEWS

Happy Valley GC continued



Mushrooms Happy Valley Garden Club



Case Study Wildlife Habitat Happy Valley Garden Club



CLUB NEWS

Happy Valley GC continued

Happy Valley continued

Community Service

Our club continues to support the Garden's of Enchantment at Hull Park (formally known as Oral Hull Park) in Sandy, Oregon. Many Happy Valley hands transformed our assigned garden bed from a weedy mess to a beautiful "Ray Design" planted with 11 flats of annuals. The high impact masses of color and contrast was designed by a club member so those touring with sight impairments can enjoy the garden bed. The flowers are looking for some summer weather to really take off. Other garden beds maintained by Clackamas Garden Clubs focus on scent, texture and cool shady resting places. At Happy Valley Garden Club, we get our children and grandchildren involved with maintaining the beds and enjoying the beauty at Hull Park.

This summer we will offer a booth at the Happy Valley Park concert series to provide garden orientated youth outreach art projects. We hope to attract like-minded folks that embrace the tenants our pledge. We are happy to say, our membership has grown with a few new members, mostly folks that have recently moved into the area.

Wishing you all well and happy gardening.

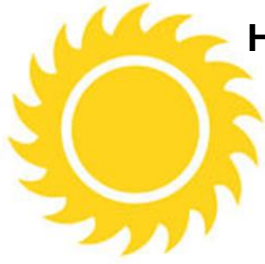


Gardening at Hull Park



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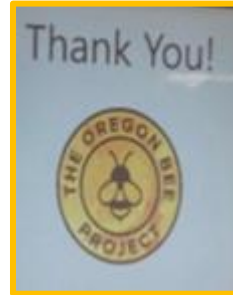
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Happy Valley Garden Club *Rock Painting*



The Oregon Bee Project



Developing Habitat



CLUB NEWS

Villa Garden Club

Villa Garden Club **Submitted by Sue Ceglie, VP**

Villa Garden Club, Portland Oregon, recently discovered that one of their members earned a Best in Show award for the National Chrysanthemum Society.

The show was held in Portland in October, 2021 and Carole Schuldt, who has been a member of Villa since 2004 is the winner.

Carole's career had been as a florist, so flower design was a long-perfected skill. She had the fortune in 2004 to meet her design mentor, Pat Swanger, who is a past member of Villa. Pat encouraged Shirley to join Villa so she could qualify to go to Design Guild flower design classes to learn about "Principles" and "Elements."

Carole reports that she loved the design classes and said it was a great learning experience! She was then encouraged to go to Judges School and went for five years and many classes. Shirley found out she had made Judge and her mentor, Pat, was so happy for her! Unfortunately, a few days later Pat died after a lengthy illness. She has entered many shows but this was the first time she entered a Portland Rose Society's rose show and she made "Best Novice."

Over the years Carole has entered and been awarded many Blue Ribbons. She said that judges are often encouraged to enter exhibits for the competitions they are judging. Of course, they step back from judging their own designs. As part of staying a Judge, they are required to get a Blue Ribbon in horticulture AND design yearly.

Villa continued

Villa continued

Carole said she and her husband often look at construction sites for items to put into her designs. She is also always looking for unusual organic items such as colorful branches, cones, pods and foliage.

Many shows do not require that exhibitors belong to the hosting organization. Carole does not belong to the Chrysanthemum Society, but has been a judge for them for about six years. Carole says that she knew she had been awarded the Chrysanthemum Show's "Best in Show" design at the October 2021 show. She did not know her winning design would be featured on the December 2021 cover of the Chrysanthemum Society's publication until a friend called her. Carole stated that her cover was the first time the Society had featured a design on the cover instead of the horticultural winner.

We look forward to many years of Carole's designs and suspect she will win a lot more awards. Villa Garden Club also looks forward to Carole's regular design presentations to the club. Congratulations, Carole!



Carole Schuldt with her "Best in Show" exhibit on the cover of the Chrysanthemum Society publication.

CLUB NEWS

Beaverton Garden Club



Beaverton Garden Club *Submitted by Patricia Johnson President*

The Beaverton Garden Club had the June meeting in the garden at the home of Pat Johnson. We had a good turnout plus welcomed some new members. Our club now has 71 members. All of the members present were treated to a lunch, after the business meeting, provided and paid for by the club. The lunch was a thank you to all of our members who worked so hard on our April plant sale.

Members began having "digs" in the Fall of 2021 and continued through the second week of April this year. We had over 2,500 plants at the sale. Plants that weren't sold were donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Our next activity will be a garden tour on July 7, where we'll tour four member's gardens. Our club is very interested in Audubon gardens and Pollinator gardens. On our tour, we'll be seeing an Audubon garden and be given information on how to organize this type of garden.

Five of our members have worked very hard at the Beaverton Veterans Park garden getting it ready for the annual Memorial Day celebration at the end of May. Some shrubs were replaced with lemon cypress trees. Other flowers planted were pansies, begonias, sun patiens and heliotropes. The garden and memorial service received many compliments.



Beaverton continued

Beaverton continued

Our garden club, along with the Cedar Mill Garden Club, will be hosting the Thursday, October 20, Pioneer District meeting and luncheon, which will be held at the Bethel Congregational Church in Beaverton. Work is underway with committees getting ready to meet in July to make plans to make centerpieces, name tags, programs, etc. Please remind your members of this meeting and luncheon. We hope to have a great turn out.

We wish all the members of garden clubs a wonderful summer.

APRIL 14th Annual Plant Sale (over 2500 plants available)



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Beaverton Garden Club



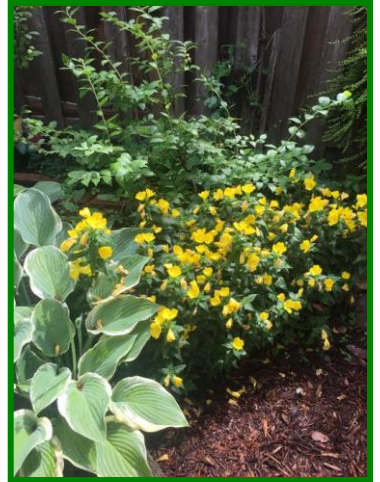
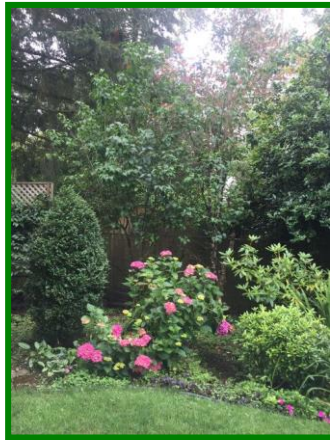
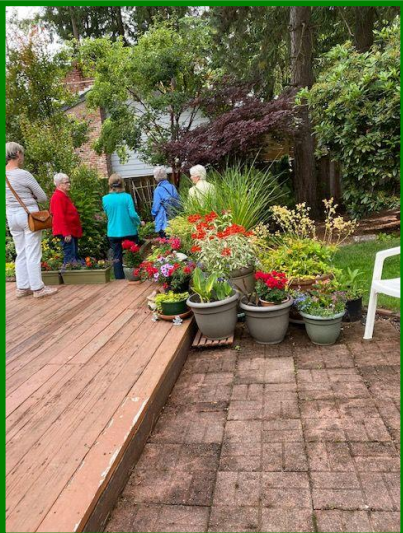
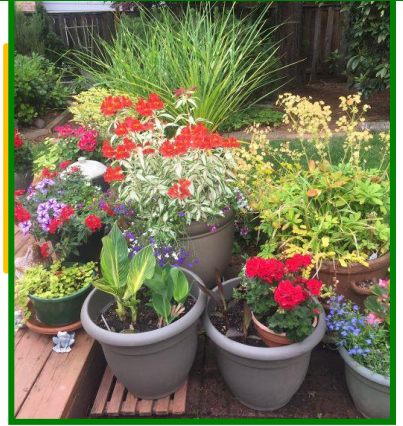
JUNE

Year-End Luncheon



JULY

Garden Tour of Members' Gardens



CLUB NEWS

Dufur Valley Garden Club



Dufur Valley Garden Club Pollinator Essay Winner *Submitted by Phyllis Olsen*

The Dufur Valley Garden Club, Mt. Hood District, is happy to introduce Miranda Prettyman, a 7th grade student who won first place in our pollinator essay contest in the Dufur Schools.

Miranda she was awarded a dish garden, pollinator booklet, a little box of candy and a ribbon.



**Phyllis Olson, OSFGC and
Miranda Prettyman, 7th Grade,
Dufur Schools**

AWARD WINNING ESSAY

The Pollinators *Miranda Prettyman of Dufur School 7th grade, 13 years old*

Pollinators can vary from bees to beetles to even wind or butterflies. There are around 3,500 different pollinating species. However even though there are thousands of different species of pollinators, they are slowly dying into extinction everyday. Pollinators have a lot of dangers to their species such as disease, habitat endangerment, parasites, and pollution.

It's not good for our world to not have pollinators because of such an impact they have on our food source as well as our day to day lives. Pollinators are so important to our food source because without pollinators our fruits and vegetables wouldn't grow and without those we can't feed our meat sources so they can't be filled with nutrients. Pollinators also give trees things that fertilize them and trees give us clean oxygen.

Pollinators are crucial for our food source because they not only feed our entire world and people everywhere. Pollinators also help our marketing and economy. Without pollinators, animals, food and money would all be in short supply. So pollinators impact our food source by having the ability to completely stop pollinating and fertilizing our food.

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- Articles are due to Co-Editor, Charmane Mitchell, cmainie@gmail.com, no later than the dates listed above. No articles will be accepted after the published due date without prior approval from our OSFGC president.
- Charmane will proof all articles and forward them to Leanna Woodall, Co-Editor, lwoodallor@comcast.net, for inclusion in the newsletter.

■ Publication Information:

- All articles should be submitted in a PDF format or any Microsoft program: Word, PowerPoint or Excel.
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Additional State Convention News:

Please note that the Fall issue of The Mahonia will contain additional OSFGC State Convention 2022 news and updates that weren't able to make this issue due to vacation travels and time constraints. In the future we would appreciate receiving all input by the due dates listed above.

