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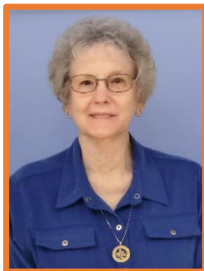
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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

MARCH 30, 2023



Fall Flowers to Plant for Pollinators

My President's theme is "Promote our Pledge, Protect our Pollinators." My focus in this issue is on pollinators: butterflies, bees, moths and beetles and the plants that feed them. During fall months, September through November, nature changes in many ways. There are cooler temperatures, shorter days, and trees and shrubs change colors to green, orange, yellow, red, or bronze.

However, there are several beautiful flowering plants during the fall months that attract butterflies and bees.

Plants that attract butterflies:

- Chrysanthemum/mums are known for their colorful appearance in white, yellow, pink, and orange.
- Pansies add beauty to any garden and come in a variety of colors.
- Alyssum or sweet alyssum is fragrant and comes in beautiful colors of pink, white and purple.
- Violas are small and very versatile in the garden. They complement pansies and hold up well in the rain and wind.
- Marigolds are beautiful in the garden and usually come in yellow or orange colors.

Plants that attract bees (and additional uses):

- Pumpkin can be used for pumpkin pie and cookies
- Squash can be used for baking and boiling
- Aster flower and leaves can be eaten fresh or dried
- Goldenrod presents a beautiful yellow color and can grow up to 10 ft x 2 ft. It can also be used to help prevent kidney stones.
- Cornflower presents a blue-ish, purple color and can be used as a stimulant in tea.
- Buckwheat can be used for flour in pancakes and bread. And it can be used to help improve circulation.
- Hyssop can be used as a home remedy for numerous illnesses.
- Cilantro can be used in salsa and a flavoring in salads and pastas.
- Oregon Grape produces berries in the fall
- Black-Eyed Susan forms clumps of beautiful golden flowers with brown centers

Most of my gardening is done in containers. I get my exercise by going up and down, bending and stretching to the plants. I enjoy being outdoors as I commune with nature and enjoy the beauty a garden offers through flowers and plants.

Best regards,
Cheryl

FALL ISSUE



Mahonia Publication News and Requirements



- The Mahonia is published quarterly each year.
- Currently there are two co-editors. Each co-editor has specific roles in the publication of our newsletter.
- The first co-editor is Charmane Mitchell, cmainie@gmail.com. Charmane's duties include collecting all articles, editing and proofing them and forwarding them to the other co-editor for inclusion in the newsletter.
- The second co-editor is Leanna Woodall, lwoodallor@Comcast.net. Her duties include collecting all article and photo submissions from Charmane and formatting them into the newsletter for publication.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION

1. Articles are due to Co-Editor, Charmane Mitchell, cmainie@gmail.com, no later than the dates listed here. No articles will be accepted after the published due date without prior approval from our OSFGC president.
2. Charmane will proof all articles and forward them to Leanna Woodall, Co-Editor, lwoodallor@comcast.net, for inclusion in the newsletter.
3. Leanna will format each article, and any accompanying photos into the newsletter. After additional proofing and editing by Leanna, and our President, Cheryl Drumheller, the Mahonia will be posted on the OFSGC website and distributed to the district directors, club presidents and others for distribution.

Publication Requirements

- All Mahonia articles are to be submitted in a Word document, Reference: OSFGC Directory 2021-2023, page 47, under OREGON NEWSLETTER (The Mahonia).
- Any article submitted in a different format will be returned to the sender for re-submission in a Word document.
- Photos should be submitted separately in a PDF format.
- Any photos containing minors (under 18 years) must be accompanied by a "Youth Release for Publication" Form. This can be found at OSFGC.org under FORMS, YOUTH.
- Acceptable articles must also follow correct procedures to avoid plagiarism. We cannot publish articles, or portions of articles, that have been published in other newsletters, magazines, books, etc. without proper referencing or approvals.
- In addition, any references within an article to other publications must use the proper references (publication name, date, volume, author, title, etc.).
- If you have any questions, please email the co-editor's:
Charmane Mitchell, cmainie@gmail.com or
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MAHONIA DUE DATES

<u>Articles Due</u>	<u>Publication Dates</u>
March 30, 2023	April 8, 2023
June 30, 2023	July 8, 2023
September 30, 2023	October 8, 2023
December 30, 2023	January 8, 2024

Committee Updates

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER CLUBS Membership

Carolyn Olley
OSFGC Membership Chair

Hello everyone. After all the traumas we have lived through over the past year, I have been considering how we help each other in case of an emergency. I have developed a new MEMBER INFORMATION FORM for club use.

I was unsure if everyone would like it, or if your club even feels it is necessary. Your club might already have something more complete, maybe better.

My thought is to have each club member fill out the form and have it kept in a folder/binder and available at all club meetings and on all field trips.

I need some volunteer clubs to try the form out this year (2022-2023), then report to me next Summer.

We can talk about changes you feel would make the form work better, things you would like to stay the same, or ? ? ?



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NEEDED: VOLUNTEER CLUBS Membership

I believe it is time we have this information available, "just in case," at all club meetings and on all field trips.

We want to do everything we can to help each other in an emergency. The form is included on the OSFGC website for your perusal and printing. Please look it over and let me know if your club chooses to participate. I do appreciate your willingness to help OSFGC.

- The Member Information Form is available at the OSFGC website, under Forms.
- Oregongardenclubs.org, Forms, Membership and Dues, Membership Information Form.



On a fall leaf: Autumn...the year's last,
loveliest smile."
William Cullen Bryan



Member Information

(CONFIDENTIAL)

Name of Garden Club: _____

Name of District: _____

Member

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ State: _____ Zip Code + 4 digit: _____

Phone: _____ (Home) _____ (Cell)

Email Address: _____

Birthday (Month & Day): _____

Garden Club Special Interests (to help us plan programs, field trips, etc.):

Emergency Contact & Medical Information

Contact Name: _____

Phone (Can they be reached by text?): _____

Relationship: _____

Allergies: _____

Medical Alert (Yes/No): _____

For Treasurer Use	
Date Dues Paid:	_____
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Check	<input type="checkbox"/> Check #: _____

OSFGC Convention 2022

State Committee Reports

AmazonSmile Account What is AmazonSmile?

Tanja Swanson

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. 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 The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc.

Instead of using Amazon Prime, go to AmazonSmile and when prompted look for The Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. Thank you.



Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.
Jim Bishop

Book of Friendship Book of Friendship Convention Report June 2022

Linda Shamp/Carolyn Elsten
Co-Chairs, Book of Friendship Committee

Linda Shamp and I are honored to still be chairmen of this committee. Although we have only had a few requests for these certificates we feel it is a worthwhile program.

As our clubs get up and running again, all be it dodging Covid, we are sure the requests will become more frequent and any and all dollars we raise to support the Claire Hanley Scholarships is certainly a good thing.

Thank you for your continued support.

Facebook

Tanja Swanson, Chair

- 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 me, Tanja, at:
tanjandy@gmail.com.

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Fred Meyer App Karen Brown

Members can also install the Fred Meyer app on their phones and a portion of what they spend will be sent to OSFGC.



Gardens of Enchantment Patty Sorensen, Chair

As most of you know, the Gardens of Enchantment are located at Hull Park in Sandy, Oregon. They are made up of five distinct areas. Each one has unique elements that highlight its appeal for blind and low-vision people.

The Gardens were dedicated in 1971 and are now one of our State Garden Club projects. Donations for garden maintenance should be sent to Peggy Trees, one of our OSFGC Co-Treasurers. The PO Box address for her is in the Directory.

So, how are the Gardens doing? Members of Clackamas and Multnomah District Garden Clubs have just 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.

*I can smell autumn dancing in the breeze.
The sweet chill of pumpkin and
crisp sunburnt leaves.
Unknown*

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Gardens of Enchantment

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 ahold of the staff for details and available times.

Thank you ALL for your continued support of the Gardens. We do appreciate it.

Garden of Distinction Jane Sercombe

Awarded to Mt Hood District

Past recipients:

2020 Beaverton Veterans, Beaverton

2021 Connie Hansen Garden, Lincoln City

2022 Bicentennial Memorial Garden, Parkdale

Invasive Plants Fran Tierce

No report received.



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Horticulture, Food, Container Gardening

Ginny Timmerman

Food Gardening:

The peanut, also known as a groundnut goober, is a member of the legume family. The same family as peas. The peanut crop grows underground. The peanut even though it is called a nut is not classified as a nut.

Peanuts are endemic to South America. The modern peanut is a hybrid between 2 wild species and has been bred over several thousands of years. The modern peanut is bushier and has layered peanuts. The peanut is divided into 6 botanical varieties and 2 subspecies.

The oldest remains of peanut pod found is about 1600 years. Many Pre-Columbian cultures had the peanut in their art. The peanut was in cultivation well before the Spanish arrived.

Peanut butter was developed in the 1880's in the U.S. and Canada.

I am trying to grow peanuts this year. So far they are doing better than I expected.

Horticulture:

The Lucky Bamboo can be cut and started over if it gets too leggy. I cut mine because the stems coming out of the stalk got really long. I put them in water and they rooted. The stalks that were cut also started to put out new stalks. I now have a bunch of Lucky Bamboo instead of dead bad Lucky Bamboo.

Fertilizing Friday. By setting a regular day to fertilize my plants they are healthier than before. I water them on Monday's and Friday's. By doing this, my orchids have re-bloomed and the rest of my plants are very healthy.

Peach Tree. I grow John Henry peach trees from the seed. Peach trees almost always are true to the seeds.

Penny Pines for Oregon

Karen Brown, Chair

In 2009, when I was installed as state president, it was a habit of incoming state presidents to choose a project to focus on during their two-year term. My choice was to contribute to the NGC project, Penny Pines.

Donations for Penny Pines are contributed by NGC to the US Forest Service to be used to reforest areas damaged by natural causes, including wildfire and disease.

*And all at once, summer
collapsed into fall...
Oscar Wilde*



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Insurance Report

Patty Sorensen, pro tem

Insurance Chairperson's Annual Report

Andy Swanson

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

- 1) Commercial General Liability insurance policy covers the period of 3/22 to 3/23 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 this year for "Added Insured" so far this year.
- 2) Directors & Officers insurance policy covers the period of 9/22 to 9/23 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.
- 3) The OSFGC Crime/Theft insurance policy covers the period of 7/22 to 7/23 through the Hartford Insurance company for the annual premium price of \$243. This policy insures the OSFGC with the replacement for the 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.



How beautifully leaves grow old!
How full of light and color are their last days.
John Burroughs

Promise Trees

Tanja Swanson, Chair

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.

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

We also still need help 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? Ask me how you can help!



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Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Markers

Laurel Buncak

OSFGC/ Blue Star Memorial Marker Chair

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

On October 10, 2021, the Parkdale Garden Club dedicated the new Blue Star Memorial 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 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 on Memorial Day I went to Maupin Oregon for the rededication of the Maupin Dig & Hoe Garden Club Blue Star Memorial 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 Memorial Markers across this state because I know where they are now!

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Blue Star/Gold Star Memorial Markers

At the Convention this past June, we had maps showing the locations of the Blue Star Memorial Markers all over the state. In addition, both Bly and Maupin shared photos of their dedications . I encourage all of you to visit Blue Star Memorial Markers as you travel the state and enjoy the work that goes into keeping the Blue Star Memorial Markers beautiful and visible.

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



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Gardener of the Year

Nita Wood

There is no nominee this year, so the deadline has been extended to September 1, 2022. Nita's new address is 1093 Chestnut St, Independence, OR 97351. Please send and re-send your nominees.

Youth

Phyllis Olson

OSFGC has three regular youth groups. We have lost three of our groups. Please be proactive for youth in your schools. There are grants and funds available from OSFGC for youth.

Pacific Region Garden Club

Greg Pokorski

There is now a Roberts Rules of Order in brief form. Educational Schools are having a refresher course about Parliamentarian do's and don'ts in Turlock, Ca. The first one was November 5, 2022.

Wildflower/Recycling

Phyllis Olson pro-tem

Stan and Lynn Chiotti could not attend, but their articles can be found in the Mahonia. Please look for them there.

Mahonia

Charmane Mitchell Co-editor

The spring issue is on the website. June 30, 2022 was the deadline. There are a few hard copies for handouts.

2023 Convention

Peggy Trees pro-tem

The 95th OSFGC Convention will be held June 12-14, 2023 in Wilsonville, OR at the Holiday Inn South. More information will follow.

Awards

Jane Sercombe

See the awards booklet.

Ways and Means Final Reports

Natures Garden

Sharon Wilson

\$100 received from space rent

Mall Boutique

Norma Curtis

\$665 received from sales

Treasure Chest

Bernie Wood

Nominating Committee \$1000 received from Mall sales

Wish-to-Win

Bernie Wood

\$1015 received from ticket sales

*"I'm so glad I live in a world
where there are Octobers."
Anne of Green Gables*



California Garden Clubs, Inc. and OSFGC District News

California Garden Club, Inc. Flower Show Symposium

Attention Flower Show Judges CGCI FLOWER SHOW SYMPOSIUM

A symposium is being planned for March 27-28, 2023 in South San Francisco. Our instructors will be Sue Kirkham, who will explore the world of Bulbs, Tubers, Rhizomes as well as Spring Blooming Branches. Lynn Fronk will demystify Line Mass and Panel Designs as well as providing our Allied Topic discussing The Mechanics of Floral Design. The days will be full and informative. Reservations can be made up to one month before the Symposium. For brochures and additional information, contact Emily Troxell, CGCI Symposium Chair, etroxell@sdsu.edu or #858-748-1025.

Basic Information:

CGCI Symposium 2023

Location: Embassy Suites by Hilton, San Francisco Airport

Telephone: #650-589-3400

Cost: \$270 for the full course,
additional details in brochure

Registrar: Carolyn Hoyum, P.O. Box 380, Palo Cedro, CA 96073-0380.

hoyumshut@frontiernet.net

Credentials: Frankie Raymond, 759 N. 9th Street, Coos Bay, OR 97420-2418,

raymond778@gmail.com



Rogue District News

Mary Kerr
Rogue District Director



Rogue District Welcomes Newest Club Into Their Membership

The Rogue District wants to send a shout out to announce the enrollment of **Florence Garden Club** into the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. We are excited to include **43 new members** into Rogue District.

Their first invite was to attend the Rogue District Fall Meeting to be held Saturday, November 12, (9 am to 3 pm) at the Winchester Bay Grange. Coos Bay Garden Club member and Xerces Society Ambassador, David Kollen* will treat attendees to a two-part seminar on "Introduction to Pollinators and Home Habitat Assessment."

State Officers and District Directors have been sent invitations to share with their club members to attend this exciting and fun-filled day. Don't miss some new and important pollinator information, good food shared with fellow gardeners, and plenty of prize drawings. Each attendee will earn the chance to take home a special door prize, handcrafted by one of our Rogue District members.

*** See next page for an article on bees and pollination by David Kollen.**

Bee Aware & Pollinator News

Bee Aware & Pollinator News

David Kollen©

David is a member of the Coos Bay Garden Club, Xerces Society Ambassador and Master Melittologist. The view expressed here are solely his own.

The purpose of “Bee Aware & Pollinator News” is to explore some of the fascinating interactions and relationships between pollinators and plants.

This first article is an introduction to pollinators in general.

We'll find out that among the various pollinators there are heavyweight champions and light-weights too, and why this is so.

If you stop someone on the street and ask them to name a pollinator, most people will offer up bees, hummingbirds or butterflies. These are correct, of course, but they miss some of the other pollinators, and of the initial three groups listed, only one is considered a heavyweight.

Before continuing with pollinators let's step back and take a closer look at pollination. We all know that pollination is just moving (male) pollen onto (female) stigmas in a flower, what the professionals call “plant sex.”

This occurs in many ways, from wind and water to various animals. Insects are by far the most important pollination route. Wind, water, and vertebrates like hummingbirds are responsible for just 15% of plant pollination, while insects are responsible for the other 85%.

As much as we love our hummingbirds, their role in flower pollination is limited. In fact, vertebrates as a whole account for just 1% of pollination!

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Bee Aware & Pollinator News

The main groups of insect pollinators are bees, wasps, beetles, butterflies, moths and flies. Anyone that watches their flowers carefully will not be surprised that the leaders of this six-pack of insect groups are the bees. If for no other reason, we know this because of the numerous honey-bee hives we see placed next to many crop fields.

Of these six groups, bees are (with a few exceptions) enormously more important for pollination than the others. Why? It really comes down to intention. Bees are out there purposefully gathering and carrying pollen back to their nests – think of pollen as bee “baby food.”

The other groups are accidentally coming into contact with pollen while drinking nectar. But there is another factor that makes bees so important. Bees display a behavior known as “flower constancy.” What this means is that when they are on a trip gathering pollen, they generally stick with the same plant species. This tendency is not absolute, and if you pay close attention, you may see them hit several species on a trip. However, if there are adequate resources of one species available, they will mostly stick with one. (By the way, this is one reason why it is recommended to put pollinator plants in masses if you can.)

What is it about flower constancy that makes bees important? This takes us right back to the definition of pollination. We're moving male pollen to female stigmas. Would pollen from a lupine be of any value to the stigma of a pestemon? Of course not. Flower constancy means that bees vastly increase the chance of pollen moving to the right flower.

Until next time, let's help the pollinators keep pollinating.

District News

Capitol District Fall Flower Show & Quilt Display

The three clubs of Capitol District:
Salem Area Garden Club,
Grow & Show Garden Club and
Dallas Garden Club
held their Second Annual Fall Flower Show and
Quilt Display in Dallas on Saturday, September 17.

The perimeter of gym at the Evangelical Bible Church was surrounded by 50 mostly vintage quilts, each with their own story, that provided the ideal backdrop for the beautiful showcase of 207 floral designs, table trays, horticulture displays, unusual examples of flowers, fruits and veggies, plus conifers, terrariums and garden art made from driftwood and/or recycled items.

Entries for the flower show were limited to garden club members, but the quilts were displayed by both club members and their friends.

Each segment of the show helped to build interest for the 140 people who came to enjoy this free event.

Five local business sponsors provided gift cards or other items for the free drawing at the end of the day.

Visitors were asked to cast their vote for a People's Choice Award, for their favorite Floral Design and another for their favorite Quilt.

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Capitol District Fall Flower Show & Quilt Display

It was a perfect day that again drew rave reviews, and likely will result in a few new club members.

We chose to make this a free event, because our expenses were low and we were looking to publicize our three clubs, but another club wanting to give this a try could easily charge an admission fee or accept donations to support one of their projects. We did have a Planning Committee that met multiple times leading up to the actual event that was chaired by Gretchen McKane (gjmckane@comcast.net) and she would be happy to answer questions or give tips.



**Flower Show
Displays**



**People's Choice
Favorite Quilt**

District News

Pioneer District Fall Luncheon October 2022

Submitted by Bruna McBride
Beaverton Garden Club

Beaverton Garden Club and Cedar Mill Garden Club sponsored the Pioneer District Fall Board and Luncheon on October 20, 2022 at the Bethel Congregational Church in Beaverton.

A great turnout of district members were there, plus the OSFGC State President, Cheryl Drumheller and OSFGC 1st Vice President, Carolyn Olley attended.

Our speaker was Nicole Forbes from 7 Dees Garden Center.

The 15 tables were decorated and set by members of the garden clubs, who provided linens, china, crystal, silver and centerpieces. A delicious salad buffet was supplied by Reedville Catering and cookies were supplied by the members of Beaverton Garden Club.

Cedar Mill Garden Club members supplied delicious treats for guests before the meeting began, handled check-in and provided name badges.



*Anyone
who
thinks
fallen
leaves are
dead has
never
watched
them
dance in
the wind.*

Shira Tamir



Table Setting & BGC members.



Leslie Niih, BGC & Drawer Prize Gift Baskets



Cedar Mill GC Members.



Bruna McBride, BGC member.



Table Setting



Mulling Spices Momentos



Gerri Chanler & Carol Mohr, BGC members.



Jackie Holland & Denise Tomasovic, BGC Members & Table Setting *



Table Setting



Social Time

OSU Master Gardener Program

Growing & Belonging OSU Extension Master Gardener Program News

LeAnn Locher, Master Gardener

Autumnal greetings from your fellow Master Gardener volunteers, staff and faculty, participating in the statewide Growing and Belonging committee (formerly known as the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Taskforce).

This is the first of four updates a year we will publish, sharing our work, findings, and resources to help keep you informed—and hopefully engaged—in creating a local Master Gardener program and association experience that is one of growing and belonging.

About that new name...

Growing and belonging is essential to achieving the mission and vision of the OSU Master Gardener Program. We need to grow who we are and who we serve in order to cultivate resilient and healthy communities and expand the reach of science-based gardening practices across Oregon.

For resilient and healthy communities, Oregon needs informed gardeners, and more of them. And just as a healthy garden is biodiverse, so too is a healthy gardening program. This means we seek to attract Oregon gardeners from all counties, backgrounds, ages, races, ethnicities, nationalities, genders, abilities, income levels, renters/homeowners, gardening experience levels, and more.

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Master Gardener Program

To attract gardeners of all backgrounds, Master Gardener programs and practices must create an experience of belonging for all participants and potential participants.

What we're doing in this year's committee

We are a learning and working community. This means we both participate in trainings and work on projects through our small groups.

The four groups and work focus are:

1. *Curriculum*

This group is gathering the different materials used by associations/programs across the state regarding accessibility and DEI, and then creating access to them for others to use or replicate. Also, we're developing a toolkit for using the new bilingual Grow Your Own Publication for outreach and building partnerships with community organizations.

2. *Survey of Master Gardener volunteers*

There hasn't been a demographic survey in over 10 years. This is to provide us with a tool of measurement and set a baseline for gauging our work in growing the MG program.

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Master Gardeners

3. Seed to Supper

This group plans to develop a partnership toolkit that includes organizations in each county who interact with traditionally underserved and food insecure people. The goals include growing and providing support for the Seed to Supper program taught by MG volunteers, and to provide recommendations in facilitator training (including trauma-informed).

4. Communication

This group is focusing on sharing the work of the group, coordinating events, helping to update the Master Gardener handbook to include messages of growing and belonging, and further building the stories at The Culture of Gardening.

What We're Learning

This summer we participated in a workshop "Dialogue Skills for Conflict and Cooperation." Facilitated by Jeff Kenney of the Office of Institutional Diversity at OSU, we learned and practiced how to respond in difficult situations, including de-escalation. We explored care strategies of prepare, respond, and restore, and how establishing group norms allows for true dialogue.

Additional Resources:

- Strengthen my skills in speaking of diversity, equity and inclusion?
- How can I help set expectations for civil dialogue in our group?
- What did the first year of this committee do?
- A guide to Indigenous land acknowledgements
- Increasing inclusion in the school garden

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Master Gardeners

Gardener Help In This Work:

- Come to events and share them with others in your group;
- Make the creation of a local project for Martin Luther King's Day of Service on January 16th. Promote it and engage your fellow volunteers, and the broader community, in participation;
- Participate and encourage participation in surveys you may receive from us;
- Share the information and resources in these updates with others in your group. Talk about them at chapter meetings, including how your local group can learn and adopt the work being done. Let us know what you come up with!

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself."

Henry Ford



Garden Club News

VILLA GARDEN CLUB (VGC)

Mary Ann Rogers, President Villa Garden Club

2022 begins with all the uncertainties (Covid) of the previous year, but VGC seems to rise above that, and to have a good time in spite of it.

In September 2021, we had the pleasure of visiting the private home of Bonnie Bradley, who runs a pre-school out of her home. One of our club members had found her yard and suggested a field trip for the club. We had a simply wonderful visit. She and her husband have such a creative way to make their home and yard fun, happy and simply a place that would make everyone smile.

There are pathways of colorful flower stepping-stones and a cowgirl riding a cow on the point of the rooftop. The kids in the preschool enjoy the many bubbling fountains and raspberries are growing so they can pick the berries right out of the garden. The entire garden was full of beautiful flowers, whimsy and we called it "The Fairy Garden!"

Villa Garden Club has plans for speakers and field trips at our meetings and, of course, our plans to help others. The help includes donations to charitable programs, handmade gifts to SnowCap, Blue Star Marker site maintenance, work at the Zimmerman House, an annual Spring plant sale and always other opportunities suggested by our members.

I am happy to say we have 48 members who love to garden and share their knowledge of plants, birds, butterflies, bees and conservation at our meetings.

Our meetings take place at Savage Memorial Church at 139th and Mill in Portland at 10:30 am on the 4th Thursday of each month. Please drop by and come see what our club is all about!



The Fairy Garden



**VGC
Annual Plant
Sale**



Garden Club News

GORGE FRUIT & CRAFT FAIR Odell Garden Club Flower Show

Norma Curtis

Every year at the Gorge Fruit and Craft Fair, the 3rd Weekend of October, Odell Garden Club has a Flower show. In addition, we sell plants and bouquets from our gardens, fruit (and this year even apples) at a Country Store.

Our flower show featured GARTH BROOKS and his music.

Floral Designs

- 1st Place: Joann Gage "FRIENDS IN LOW PLACES," using dried material.
- 2nd Place: Norma Curtis "THE DANCE," a multi-rythmic design.
- 3rd Place: Jill Mcbee "STANDING OUTSIDE THE FIRE," stretch design.

Buffet Table for 4

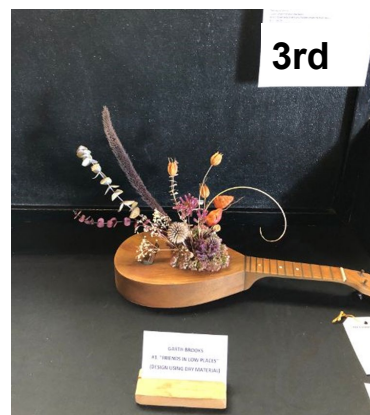
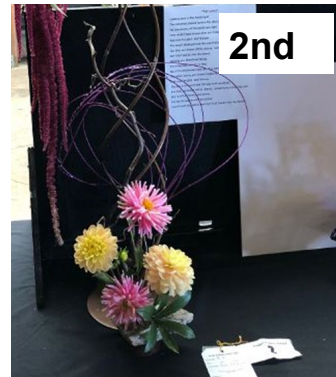
"THAT'S WHAT COWBOYS DO,"
bar-be-que buffet table setting for 4.

- 1st Place: Jill Mcbee
- 2nd Place: Margaret Taylor
- 3rd Place: Norma Curtis



"In every walk with nature one receives far more than he seeks." John Muir

FLORAL DESIGN



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Garden Club News

Happy Valley Garden Club

Priscilla Robinson, Co-President

This quarter the Happy Valley Garden Club kept up the pace with meetings, casual gatherings and community outreach in Clackamas County.

We sponsored a booth at The Happy Valley Park Concert Series. Club members volunteered at the booth. Children and adults learned about our club, got gardening tips, received free seed packets for fall planting and an art project ...all free of charge. This community outreach served over 300 families. The children really enjoyed painting +rocks, which is one of our Club's newest hobbies.



(Above) Concert goers were treated to free vegetable seeds, gardening advice and an engaging art project. It was an awesome way to get the word out about our garden club.

Members met at Leona MacDonald's garage to learn rock painting.



(Above) Members met at Leona MacDonald's garage to learn rock painting.

*Anyone
who
thinks
fallen
leaves are
dead has
never
watched
them
dance in
the wind.*

Shira Tamir

We had casual meetings in a variety of locations. We shared our garden and family updates over coffee, cool beverages and delicious home baked goodies. With Covid restrictions lightening up, we met at Miramonte Assisted Living Home where two of our founding members are thriving.

Mobility is their only restriction so we came to them! It was a glorious time in the precious air conditioning too. Not only did they enjoy the visitors, but we all got a very positive glimpse of what the future may hold for us. We plan to continue this trend, making meetings accessible for all our members.



(Above) In green is Gloria Cockburn, a founding member.



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Garden Club News

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Happy Valley Garden Club

(Below) C.B. Ross on the far right was part of the energetic crew that founded our club in 1968.



Here are a few photos of our September field trip to HydrangeasPlus. It was so informative and beautiful. We toured the green houses and gardens. After the presentation, members gathered in the garden for sack lunches, conversation and an impromptu birthday celebration. We love our garden club friends



Gardening for Wildlife was the theme for a field trip to Master Gardener Leah Puhlman's home and restoration project. Garden club members met at her home, where over the past decade she has transformed the front, side and backyard into an oasis for birds, mammals, insects, reptiles and amphibians. She has a beautiful balance of native and ornamental plants, creative hardscapes and water conservation to welcome the animals. Many club members have been motivated by an earlier talk in the spring and this garden tour/talk to make positive changes for wildlife in their own yards .

