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With 2-1/2 months left of my 2-year term as your President, I've had a busy schedule. I have attended three of thirteen very interesting and welcoming district fall and spring meetings. Since I live on the Oregon south coast, for me to attend these meetings, I stayed in a hotel the night before the meeting. Otherwise, it would have taken me three to five hours travel time to get to the meetings. That would make for a very long day!

Each district's meeting was unique and different. Most districts had a Country Store filled with quality items and/or a Wish-to-Win. During the Pioneer District Fall Meeting, the guest speaker spoke on "What's Changed, What's New in Recycling." During the Rogue District Fall Meeting, the guest speaker spoke on "Creating Pollinator Habitat with Coastal Native Plants" and during the Santiam District Fall Meeting, the attendees shared their favorite garden tool. At these district meetings, all provided a delicious luncheon. They were a lot of fun! and I truly enjoyed meeting friends and making new ones.

Also, during my term I attended two Blue Star Memorial Marker dedications. The markers are inscribed: A tribute to the Armed Forces that have defended the United States of America. The first one was in Hood River at the Parkdale Bicentennial Garden, followed by a tasty ice cream social and a Fall Floral Design by Gretchen McKane, Phyllis Olson, and Margaret Taylor. It was a special and fun day! The second one was in Dallas, at the Dallas Post Office, which was the first marker in Polk County and the 93rd Blue Star marker dedicated in Oregon.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, people were not meeting in person. Therefore, I started the monthly Executive Committee Zoom Meetings and the Zoom meetings with district directors and club presidents every other month. These meetings provided continued conversation between State and districts and State and garden clubs.

I thank all of you for sharing your gardening knowledge and wisdom. And especially for the opportunity to serve the OSFGC members.

*Best regards,*

*Cheryl*

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# 2023 OSFGC CONVENTION NEWS

## THE TREASURE CHEST IS COMING!! THE TREASURE CHEST IS COMING!! Bernie Wood, Northside Garden Club Klamath District

Dear Garden Club members across the state – our annual convention is scheduled for June in Wilsonville.

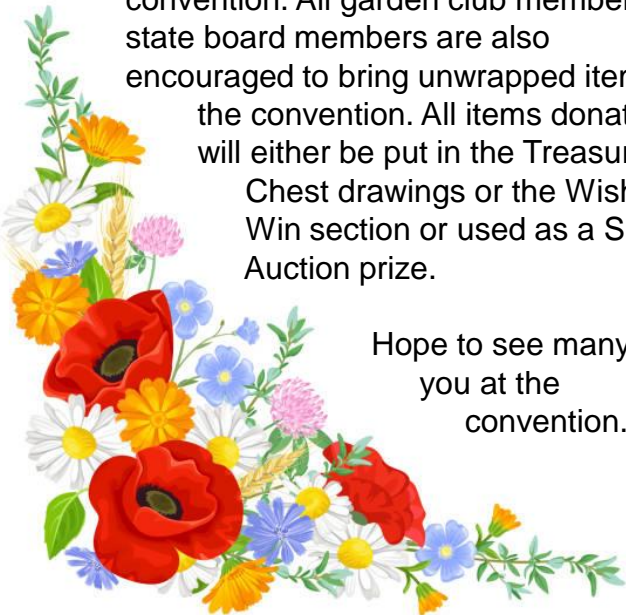
At that time, if you attend, you will get to see and experience **THE TREASURE CHEST**. The Treasure Chest and Wish to Win and Silent Auctions are huge fundraisers for the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.

**Blue** Treasure Chest tickets have been given to all the District Directors in our state. Hopefully your club will receive their **blue** Treasure Chest tickets soon.

This is fun way for each club across the state to participate in fun activities at the state convention. As chairperson of the Treasure Chest I hope your club buys their tickets to support our state organization.

Reminders to all District Directors to bring or sent their two \$25.00 items (unwrapped) to the convention. All garden club members and state board members are also encouraged to bring unwrapped items to the convention. All items donated will either be put in the Treasure Chest drawings or the Wish to Win section or used as a Silent Auction prize.

Hope to see many of  
you at the  
convention.



## 98<sup>th</sup> Annual OSFGC Convention

June 12-14, 2023

Holiday Inn

Wilsonville, Oregon\*



\* For further details and registration, please see the special Mahonia edition on the convention.

## Photo Contest Tanja Swanson, Chair

You are invited to enter our digital Photo Contest!

- We used to bring our printed photos to Convention. It is now a lot easier, because all you have to do is send me your pictures directly by email no later than April 30, 2023.
- Only enter one picture per category. The pictures can be taken at any time.

Categories are:

**Scenery**

**Gardens**

**Floral Blooms**

**Animals**

**Birds**

**Insects/Butterflies**

**President's Choice:**

**Pets in the Garden**

- There is still plenty of time to look for your best pictures and join the fun of entering!
- I am thinking of making a PowerPoint from all the entries. The pictures are beautiful and it would be too bad if you didn't get to see them.
- The winners will be displayed at the Convention in Wilsonville.

**Email pictures to me, Tanja Swanson,  
tanjandy@gmail.com**

Looking forward to seeing many amazing photographs!



# BLUE STAR & GOLD STAR MEMORIALS: A CALL TO ACTION

## Blue Star & Gold Star Memorial Markers: A Call to Action! Jane Sercombe

There is a renewed interest in placing Blue and Gold Star Memorial Markers in strategic locations throughout Oregon to recognize the contributions made by our military service men and women, and their families, in protecting the freedoms we enjoy today. The Blue Star Memorial Markers are already a welcome sight in many of our highway rest stops, parks and other public places and they are intended to honor those who have served, are currently serving or who will serve in the future.

Oregon currently has more than 90 of the National Garden Club Blue Star Markers in place, with more on order by Oregon Garden Clubs and with our partnering veterans' organizations, most notably the Bend Heroes Foundation led by Dick Tobiason, Lieutenant Colonel US Army, Retired, who serves as the Foundations Chairman.

The Gold Star Memorial Marker is designed to honor the families of the veterans who paid the ultimate price in service to their country. Since World War I almost a half million Oregonians have served their country and 6,000 of them paid the ultimate price. That number is further expanded to approximately 15,000 when you include the parents, siblings, spouse or partner, and children of the fallen.

Oregon currently has eight (8) border to border highways that are designated as veterans highways to honor our 479,800 war veterans. The newest project before the Oregon Legislature is HB 2146 titled "Oregon Gold Star Families Memorial Highway on U.S. Hwy 30" which begins at the intersection of Hwy 101 with Hwy 30 in Astoria and exits Oregon in Ontario.

Highway 30 is the third longest highway in our nation beginning in Astoria, Oregon and terminating in Atlantic City, New Jersey a distance of 3,073 miles crossing 12 states. It is Dick Tobiason's vision that this entire route will eventually be known as "Gold Star Families Memorial Highway Across America" and the Oregon Garden Clubs share his vision.

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## Blue Star & Gold Star Memorial Markers: A Call to Action! Jane Sercombe

HB 2146 has already passed in the Oregon House and has been referred to the Oregon Senate where it is also expected to pass. Upon its eventual signing by Governor Tina Kotek, the Oregon portion of this to become a historic national highway will be well underway as similar legislation is also being pursued in the other 11 states along the Highway 30 route. The Bend Heroes Foundation has already secured funding from private supporters that will enable the Oregon Department of Transportation to install multiple highway signs along the Oregon portion of the route to designate it as the "Oregon Gold Star Families Memorial Highway." The final piece of the puzzle, as it is envisioned, will be for OSFGC to purchase and install a National Garden Club Gold Star Memorial Marker in Astoria and another in Ontario. The actual placement location for these markers is still being determined, but now is the time for action. The foundry that makes the markers has announced a significant price increase to take effect on May 1, 2023. To beat that price increase we are looking for Club, District, State, and individual donations in any amount to underwrite our goal of \$3,860 (\$1,600 is still needed).

Checks should be made payable to OSFGC and mailed to Peggy Trees, OSFGC Treasurer (PO Box 1418, Sherwood, OR 97140-1418). Questions or pledges of support may be directed to Jane Sercombe, Veterans Liaison, OSFGC Blue Star & Gold Star Memorial Markers, jane.sercombe@gmail.com

Thank you for choosing to be part of this historical action on behalf of our Oregon veterans.

Sincerely,  
Jane Sercombe, Veterans Liaison,  
OSFGC Blue and Gold Star Memorials  
jane.sercombe@gmail.com  
503.317.8700

## Understanding Communications from OSFGC Patty Sorensen Corresponding Secretary 2021-23

As the world has moved into a technology driven communications format, the role of the Corresponding Secretary has evolved from paper to email. If you are unable to receive email, please see if there is someone whose email can be used to get information to you.

### 1. Communications Basics

Most OSFGC group messages come from OSFGC's Corresponding Secretary (CS). Be sure to add the Corresponding Secretary to your address book so our messages do not end up in your SPAM folder.

Board members send information they need to communicate to various Board Chairs, District Directors and Club Presidents to the Corresponding Secretary.

She/he then emails the information out to the appropriate recipients. The actual sender's name will appear at the end of the message. All recipients should then communicate the information to others as needed

Messages from the CS with your addresses are placed in the BCC (Blind Carbon Copy) line. This means that you will not be able to see who else receives the emails, the message will

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## Understanding Communications from OSFGC

appear with only the CS's address in the FROM line. When you reply, the email will go directly to the CS.

This is done to keep your mailboxes from filling up with all the replies.

Most messages are informational. However, if one asks you for input in the body of the message it should contain something like REPLY TO: senderemail@comcast.net, etc. If you click on that email address, another email screen should pop up so you can easily answer the question in the original message to the correct person.

Otherwise, it goes to the CS who then has to forward your reply. Saves time: If you want to send a group message, you should send it to the President who will forward it with permission to the CS to email out.

Be sure to check your SPAM folder occasionally as even if you put the CS in your email addresses, sometimes the emails end up in SPAM.

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## Understanding Communications from OSFGC

### 2. Information

Information sent to District Directors may need to be shared with local Club Presidents. Information sent to Club Presidents may also need to be shared with members to keep everyone in the OSFGC information loop. All efforts will be made to get this information to you in a timely manner so you can share it at your monthly meetings. There may be times when you will need to send out a group message if the information is timely.

### 3. Zoom Meetings

Zoom meeting announcements/directions will be sent to you prior to a scheduled meeting. You should first receive an email reminding you of the date.

Again, if you do not do zoom, please see if someone else can attend and then report back to you.

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*"None of us is as smart  
as all of us."*

*Ken Blanchard*



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## Understanding Communications from OSFGC

If you would like to add scheduled meetings to your calendar, they are listed in the MAIN MENU drop down under events at the OSFGC website:

<http://oregongardenclubs.org>

There is a wealth of information on the website that will supplement the information which is found in the OSFGC directory.

As the date approaches, you will be sent the zoom directions and agenda. I have found the best way to be sure I can find these when I need them is to place them in an email folder in your program called OSFGC.

### 4. Update Records

Update our records please. It is extremely important that our contact information be kept up to date. Be sure to let us know if your Club President changes, also if your email or phone or address changes so we can continue to reach out to you in a timely manner.

### 5. U.S. Mail

Snail Mail can be sent to those who do not have someone in the club who can use technology for communications.

Sometimes this information can not arrive to you in a timely manner via regular mail, but we will make all attempts to keep you in the communications loop.

Hope this helps!  
[patty.sorensen@gmail.com](mailto:patty.sorensen@gmail.com)

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Recycling Report Stan Chiotti, Chair

As most of you are aware, times are constantly changing. Twelve years ago, my back patio was full of bags of plastic lids, used cell phones and empty ink cartridges. I collected these items from you at conventions and district meetings. I then mailed or took these items to recycling centers, thus keeping them out of landfills.

Eight years ago, recycling centers stopped taking or greatly limited what items they would process. I then started taking certain Rx bottles. That resulted in years of training some of the members what color AMBER was.

Four years ago, my recycling center stopped taking Rx bottles. I had saturated most bee keepers with these bottles. They do not talk to me anymore.

Three years ago, COVID-19 hit. This shut down all face-to-face encounters.

Recycling, as I used to do it, is a thing of the past. Each of the 33 counties in Oregon have different rules and regulations for what they will recycle or put into landfills. Call or Google the one that is near to where you live.

It is time I switch to being an Environmental Awareness Chairman. I plan on discussing in greater detail what it means to become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife. It will not be rocket science and will not involve colors.



## Advisor's Report Tanja Swanson, Past President

It has been fun trying to find answers to the many questions that come up when running an organization like this. It never is just one person solving problems, we do it as a team. And all the officers who came before us are always there to offer their help and knowledge!

*"Snowflakes are one of nature's most fragile things, but just look what they can do when they stick together."*

*Vesta M. Kelly*

*"Coming together is a beginning. Keeping together is progress. Working together is success."*

*Henry Ford*

*"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*

*Helena Keller*

# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Wildflower Study Report Lynn Chiotti, Co-Chair

After almost four years trying to get the effort of naming the Oregon Trillium as our State WILDFLOWER, we have had little overwhelming success. We collected fewer than 1,000 signatures. This was not the groundswell result we were hoping for. We were able to educate many people about the difference between the Oregon Grape (a shrub) and the Trillium (a flower). But with the mid-term elections, we lost our champion in the Senate to the Gubernatorial Campaign.

Also, the key Committees have been re-vamped. With declining Districts in the OSFGC, we have also lost many of our die-hard supporters. Covid didn't help either. That made it difficult to gather necessary signatures, as events where they could be gathered, were cancelled.

After three years of little action, we need to step back and re-evaluate continuing. If we are serious about moving forward, we need to consider gathering at State Convention and doing serious planning and personal commitment. It will take much harder work and boots on the ground, if we are to succeed.

Please take time to let your State Executive Board make the decision about continuing. It will take someone with stamina to move it forward.

Personally, after spending over a week in the hospital over Christmas, I realize that I am almost 80 and my personal health must take a priority. I can help, but I cannot facilitate such a campaign.

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## Wildflower Study Report Lynn Chiotti, Co-Chair

I would like to plant a seed for you all to take to your Districts and Clubs. Most of you are old enough to remember what happened after the Tillamook Burn, a series of fires in Northern Oregon that began prior to World War II and ended in the late 1950's. I remember coming to Oregon and joining my class on a field trip to the burn area and spending several days over the spring planting Douglas fir seedlings. We created a thriving forest that just now is being harvested.

The seed? More trees to replace those around Oregon that have burned in recent years. It is a visible idea that can gain momentum. It can involve communities, organizations, schools and unite all people of all ages at a time when it is needed. It would not happen immediately as it takes about 4 years to have the first crop of trees mature enough to plant. But we can consider starting seedlings for the Forest Service, and even private companies. Then when mature, we can help organize planting crews of all ages.

This is just a thought, but the time to act is now. This is a long-range project, that OSFGC can be proud of and see for years to come. Consider the idea. Then, imagine all the wildflowers that will bloom under the spreading branches in future years.

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# COMMITTEE REPORTS

## Promise Trees Tanja Swanson, Chair

- ❖ Almost \$37,000 has been raised!
- ❖ 670 Vouchers have been distributed.
- ❖ 19 Nurseries all over the State are accepting vouchers.

So far we haven't reimbursed as many trees as we would have liked, but we hope that our project campaign to make people aware of our is working!

Promise Trees and OSFGC have been on the radio, in newspapers and on TV. This month a Facebook campaign is being held in all the counties where people lost homes in the 2020 fires.

I am also getting quite a few reactions and inquiries on Facebook.

The end of the project is December 31, 2024.

I am so grateful to all the people who have faithfully attended our Zoom meetings. They come up with the greatest ideas and do all the legwork!



## National Garden Week Nita Wood, Chair

This year's National Garden Week is June 4-10, 2023. I would like to see some of our clubs really get involved this year with doing a community project that promotes and/or educates the public in some special way.

Ways you can do this doesn't have to be big or time-consuming things.

Some suggestions are:

- plan an educational program or workshop at your local library, public garden or garden center and talk about an NGC program(s) i.e. Blue Star Markers, Penny Pines, Scholarships
- plan a garden tour to share with your neighbors and friends
- beautify a manageable, blighted area
- enhance an existing garden, enlisting other groups or friends
- plan an activity with a youth group or school students
- place a plant or flower arrangement at a public facility along with a National Garden Week poster that will provide interest and inspiration to the public.

These are all ideas suggested by the National Garden Clubs, Inc. and are included on their website.





# COMMITTEE REPORTS & BEE AWARE & POLLINATOR NEWS

## Gardener of the Year Nominations

Nita Wood, Chair


This year's Gardener of the Year Nominations are due May 1<sup>st</sup>. Since last year we only had one nomination, please do your best in nominating a deserving person (must be an OSFGC member) who has a beautiful garden you wish to share with all of OSFGC members.

The person winning the Gardener of the Year Award will be presented that award at this year's OSFGC Convention in June.

Please send your nominee's picture along with 3-5 pictures of her or his garden's development or maintenance as noted on Page 55 of the 2021-23 OSFGC Directory. Indicate why you are nominating this person and keep it short, less than 500 words.

Although the directory says you may send pictures electronically, I ask that you send all the documentation and pictures to me by mail so they can be shown at the Convention.

My correct address is: 1093 Chestnut St., Independence, OR 97351. The address in the Directory is incorrect.



Spring is the time of year  
when it is Summer in the  
sun and Winter in the  
shade.

Charles Dickens

## 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.



## And the Silver Medal Goes to: Moths and Butterflies

My Fall Mahonia article introduced the main groups of pollinators and went on to explain why bees are the most important pollinators. There are a few exceptions, such as the tiny flies that pollinate cacao flowers. Without those flies we wouldn't have the beans from which we make chocolate. Nevertheless, bees took the gold medal at the Pollinator Olympics.

After that article a butterfly flew up and landed on my shoulder. It proceeded to complain, saying "Hey, what the heck, I'm important too ...", to which I replied, "Very much so, but where would you find nectar if it weren't for bees?" The somewhat miffed butterfly then shrugged its wings and flew away.

I think I was out in the backyard when that happened. Or maybe it was a dream? The old memory isn't what it used to be. Regardless, it's time to look more deeply into pollinator roles in our food webs. Not surprisingly, this ties in nicely to our pledge. Specifically, "so we may become caretakers of our . . . land and wildlife."

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## Bee Aware & Pollinator News

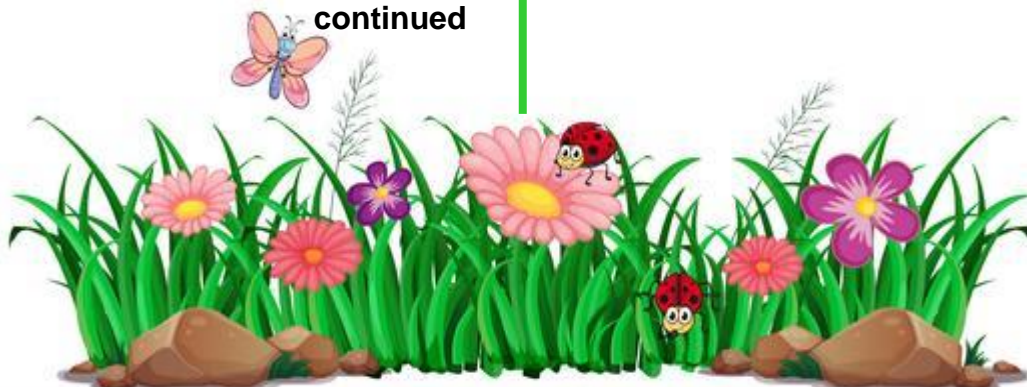
David Kollen©

Our land is the substrate upon which our local food webs either flourish or founder, with ourselves to a great extent determining which outcome we will have. Moths and butterflies, what biologists refer to as Lepidopterans (and a term I will use going forward), are a critical part of our food webs. Let's have a quick food web review and then see why Lepidopterans are so critical.

As we all know, everything starts with the sun. All the creatures in our food webs need to eat something, but only plants can "eat" sunlight. Why do we need pollinators? Well, 70% of the plant species on the planet require pollinators. Plants are the food for herbivores and this energy makes its way into the food web through them – stuff we learned in grade school.

So, what's the big deal about Lepidopterans? Studies have shown that caterpillars are the champions of transferring plant energy into the food web. For instance, a pair of chickadees might gather many thousands of caterpillars to get a single clutch prepared to leave the nest. Given the importance of caterpillars, what can we do in our caretaker role to help and promote them?

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## Bee Aware & Pollinator News

David Kollen©



We can do this by focusing on what are called keystone plants. Like the keystone in an archway, these plants help keep the local food web from crumbling. They support a diversity of pollinators, not just Lepidopterans. As Doug Tallamy advises, "focus on plants that support local moths and butterflies, and the pollinators that support those plants."

A list of keystone plants for our region can be found here (click on your region, e.g., Marine West Coast Forests): <https://www.nwf.org/Garden-for-Wildlife/About/Native-Plants/keystone-plants-by-ecoregion>.



# GARDENING IN SMALL PLACES

*My favorite weather is  
bird chirping weather.  
T.G.*

**Happiness is seeing a bee on  
the flower you planted.**  
*Unknown*

*Did you know?*

*An astounding 30 to 40  
percent of woodland  
spring wildflower seeds  
are "planted" by ants.*

*eeg.utk.edu*

Has a bee ever landed on  
you, and instead of getting  
scared, you appreciated  
the possibility that you got  
confused for a flower?



## Gardening in Small Spaces Submitted by Darby Walker

As gardening season is just around the corner, now is the time to think about entry and patio containers.

- What plants have worked well in the past?
- What color schemes do you want to use?
- How much amending will your soil require?
- Are the plants in each container compatible...do they require the same amount of water and sunlight?

Here are some tips to get started once your plants are chosen.

1. Start with dampened potting mix or soil.
2. Add small pebbles to the bottom of the pot for drainage.
3. Fill container with soil...half full for large plants and  $\frac{3}{4}$  for small ones.
4. Begin planting...root bound plants will need extra care to loosen roots.
5. Add extra soil so all root balls are 1 to 3 inches below the rim of the containers.
6. Water thoroughly until the pot begins draining.
7. Cover plants with breathable fabrics on cold nights.
8. Fertilize every two weeks.



# CLUB PLANT SALES

**Tigard Garden Club**  
**Kirsten Jensen**  
**President**

The Tigard Garden Club will be holding its annual Plant Sale at the Bull Mountain Farmers Market at Canterbury Square on Saturday, May 13, 2023, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.

We will offer bargain-priced, healthy, generously-sized plants, including vegetables, herbs, flowers, and garden specimens. This is a perfect opportunity to stock up for spring gardening or gifting! Don't miss it!

Canterbury Square Center  
14389 SW Pacific Hwy  
Tigard, OR 97224

For Questions:  
Contact [donnajsoderberg@icloud.com](mailto:donnajsoderberg@icloud.com)



**Beaverton  
Garden Club**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale**

**NEW DATE/NEW SITE**

**SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023**

**8:30 am to 2:00 pm**

**NEXUS CHURCH**

**Parking Lot**  
**12555 SW 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET**  
**borders Hall Blvd.**  
**BEAVERTON, OR**

**1500+ PERRENIALS, SHRUBS,  
TREES, VEGGIE AND HERB  
STARTS, PLANTED CONTAINERS  
AND NATIVE PLANTS.**

**For more information e-mail**  
**beavertongardenclub01@gmail.com**

*Science has never  
drummed up quite as  
effective a  
tranquilizing agent as  
a sunny spring day.*

*Wilton F. Hall*

# CLUB PLANT SALES

**You're invited!**  
**McMinnville Garden Club's**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Garden Tour and Faire**  
**Sunday, June 11, 2023**

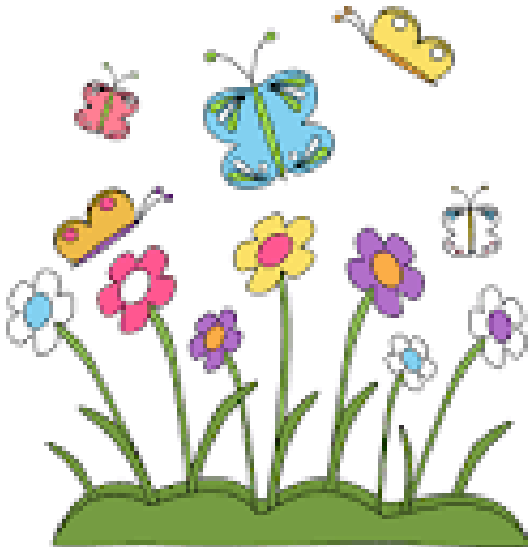
**Special Invitation to Oregon Garden Clubs!**

**Garden Tour: 10:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**Admission \$10**

Tour six unique gardens featuring ponds, varied hardscape, unusual plants, paths and more.

Volunteers will be on site to answer questions and point out special features.

Tour tickets are available at the Garden Faire the day of the tour. Or contact **Janis M. Stoven\*** for ticket assistance.



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**McMinnville Garden Club's 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Annual Garden Tour and Faire**

**Garden Faire: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**  
**Free!**

Located in historic downtown McMinnville (on Cows Street between 1st and 3rd streets), the Garden Faire features over 60 vendors.

This year, there are 17 returning plant vendors and 16 new vendors. The others are yearly popular favorites. Vendors are selected due to unique offerings and high quality. Items include lush hanging baskets, original garden sculptures, outdoor art, homemade accessories and much more.

Local restaurants are near the Faire.

**Please Note:** Proceeds are used to fund scholarships, support community beautification projects and the Serenity Garden.

Group Tours can be arranged by contacting **Janis M. Stoven.\***

\* 35 years' experience in coordinating group tours

**McMinnville Garden Club**  
**Janis M. Stoven**  
**stovenjm@gmail.com**  
**H 971-261-2619**  
**Text 651-724-0502**



# CLUB PLANT SALES & CLUB NEWS



## Villa Garden Club

Q. What happens the day before Mother's Day that makes gardeners happy?

A. **VILLA GARDEN CLUB'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE!!!**

**Saturday,  
MAY 13, 2023  
10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.  
Parkrose Community Church  
12505 NE Halsey St.  
Portland**

Lovingly grown by our members, we have perennials, natives, shrubs, sedums, vines (including clematis), irises, day lilies, indoor plants, as well as indoor plants in decorative pots.

This year we have also added garden art!

Find the perfect gift for Mother's Day!



## Florence Garden Club

**Annual Plant Sale & Marketplace  
Saturday,  
MAY 13, 2023**

The Florence Garden Club, a member of the Rogue District, is a new club with 56 members.

We are pleased to include their Plant Sale in our listings this year.

Submitted by:  
Kathy Childs  
[kchilds1940@gmail.com](mailto:kchilds1940@gmail.com)



### **Garden Photo Medford Garden Club Siskiyou District**

This photo was taken in the garden of Sharon Maurin, Medford Garden Club member, in the summer of 2021. The plants are: Salvia (Salvia splendens), Centranthus (Jupiter's Beard), Penstemon, California Fuchsia (Epilobium canum), Coreopsis (Tickseed), Echinacea (Coneflower), Manzanita (Arctostaphylos densiflora) and Rose in the backyard.



### VILLA IS 75!

Villa Garden Club, Portland District, celebrated their 75th anniversary on March 30, 2023, with an elegant tea.

Geri Grieve and her team went all out with a presentation that eclipsed the renowned high tea served at The Empress. The members made dozens of sandwiches, quiches, cookies, quick breads, coffee cakes, scones and more, that were placed on three-tiered serving stands distributed the length of the tables. At least two dozen charming teapots were used, along with white tablecloths, beautiful teacups and potted violets of various shades of purple. The violet is Villa's signature flower. A special cake was ordered to commemorate the occasion. Members dressed in vintage clothing or contemporary dressy outfits. Lots of hats! Men wore suits or jackets, but Douglas Matney went all out and had on a tuxedo and top hat!

Special guests included Carolyn Olley, incoming OSFGC president, and Peggy Olin, former OSFGC president and outgoing Portland District director. Outgoing Villa president, Mary Ann Rogers, was recognized with the State Life Award for her service as an officer and always being an enthusiastic participant in club activities.

It was truly a special occasion.

# 75th



VILLA IS 75!



Wesley and Peggy



Yea Velda!



Carole and Geri

*75th*





## Central Point Garden Club Siskiyou District Linda Tourville Davis

We are a very small club with most members 70 plus in age and finding it more difficult to physically garden.

A few years ago we decided to plant a pollinator garden, working with the city of Central Point Parks and Recreation department. We formed a committee and studied about plants for pollinators. We were provided with a large bed in the community garden area of Don Jones Park. The Parks staff prepared the bed and setup the water system. We set a day and a group of us came together, bringing the plants and started planting where directed. It went rather smoothly even though some of us had to sit on the ground to plant. We had a member who lived close enough that she was able to check on the garden and water if needed. The garden thrived. The first year it was lovely.

The member that lived near by moved out of the area and some others would stop by and do a little work.

After a couple years it got to be too much for most of us. Weeding, up keep, and various other tasks were more than we had anticipated and were physically capable of. It was decided to give the bed back to the parks department.

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We haven't attempted such a project again even though we have had several OSFGC presidents request garden clubs plant pollinator gardens.

Last April, at the Siskiyou District meeting, Cheryl Drumheller, OSFGC President advocated for planting pollinator gardens. As I recall, she even seem to indicate even one flower might fit. I got to thinking about my own property and what I had learned about native pollinators and I realize I was growing many plants that are host or food sources for many insects and birds. I read some articles by Doug Tallamy "Home Grown National Parks" and the importance of oak trees. Oak trees support more life-forms than any other trees in North America. I have lots of oaks growing on our twenty acres. We also have native shrubs and trees; ceanothus, manzanita, native honeysuckle, serviceberry, snowberry, choke cherry, Creek Dogwood, blackberry, wild rose, willows, madrone, and mountain mahogany, There are also many native plants and flowers, some may call them weeds; milkweed, tarweed, bur chervil, Queen Anne's Lace, Farewell To Spring, chicory, several types of popcorn flower, wild lupine, asters, yarrow, lomatium, blue eyed Mary, Oregon Gold. We have planted fruit trees, (such as apple, plum, pear, peach), elderberry, Oregon grape, mulberry, hawthorn,

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Aronia, Siberian Pea tree, Mt. Ash, beech, birch, as well as blueberries, gooseberries, currants, lilacs, forsythia, filbert, borage, lavender, rosemary, thyme, Santolina, goldenrod, Autumn Joy, coyote bush, oregano, Iris, day lilies, water lilies, poppies, lemon balm, catnip, catmint, garlic chives, parsley, violets, Calendula, vetch, as well as a number of types of clover and mints.

I have experienced being buzzed numerous times by hummingbirds, seeing a kaleidoscope of California Tortoiseshell Butterflies on a moist section of granite on my driveway, a sphinx moth on a variegated cedar, hover-flies on the white flowers of garlic chives and a bumblebee drone napping in a calendula flower. Last fall my husband saw four monarch butterflies! So, our CPGC has opted to share this as our submission of a pollinator garden.

*In the Spring,  
I have counted 136  
different kinds of weather  
inside of 24 hours.*

*Mark Twain*

*In the  
spring,  
at the end of the  
day, you should  
smell like dirt.*

*Margaret  
Atwood*



**Volunteers Helping!**



**Protecting Pollinators**



**Jacksonville Community Center**

## Mahonia Publication Information

- 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, Charmane and our President, Cheryl Drumheller, the Mahonia will be posted on the OSFGC 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 .JPG format only.
- Any photos containing minors (those under 18 years of age) 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 or quotes within a submitted article that refers to other publications must use the proper references (publication name, date, volume, author, title, etc.).
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