



# The Mahonia

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## DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

JUNE 30. 2024

SPRING ISSUE

### *From the President's Desk!*

**HAPPY SPRING!**



I want to use this opportunity to tell you about your 2024 OSFGC Convention.

**DATES: June 17, 18, & 19 , 2024**

**MEETING TIMES: June 17 12:30 p.m. – about 4:00 p.m.**

**June 18 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**June 19 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

\*\*A pre-Convention Board meeting will be scheduled. The date and time have yet to be finalized. More information will be printed in "The Call."

Our interactions will be on Zoom this year. We have 2,250+ members. I'm hoping for a good turnout. Please plan to attend if you can. There will be no "registration fee," but a \$10 donation will be encouraged (to help defray costs of the in-person 2025 convention).

Currently, our Zoom contract allows for 100 participants. Your Board of Directors and Executive Committee decided to buy the ability to have more participants (1,000 is the next level). That will cost OSFGC \$50 for one month. We do have a dedicated account for conventions, it does have enough money in it to pay that fee.

OSFGC has 67 clubs. Each one is eligible for representation by two delegates. According to our OSFGC bylaws, Article IX, Section 2, #a, "...One (delegate)...shall be the club President or the elected alternate." And, "The club President is responsible for sending the names of the elected delegates and alternates to the Credentials Committee as stipulated by "The Call." Delegates need to attend all business meetings. We are planning to have business meetings Tuesday, and Wednesday (if needed) evenings.

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# From the President's Desk

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## *From the President's Desk!*

There will be a Special Edition of the Mahonia coming out in late April. It will give more details.

### **DUE DATES PLEASE ADD TO YOUR CALENDAR**

#### **APRIL 30, 2024**

- DIGITAL PHOTO CONTEST, (there is no fee to enter) entries are due to Tanja Swanson,

#### **MAY 1, 2024**

- CLAIRE BELSHER HISTORIC PRESERVATION AWARD, the book of evidence can be sent to Peggy Olin.
- GARDENER OF THE YEAR AWARD, materials can be sent to Nita Wood.

**COMPLETE INSTRUCTIONS ON APPLYING FOR AWARDS ARE WRITTEN IN THE CURRENT OSFGC 2023-2025 DIRECTORY. I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE ALL CLUBS TO PARTICIPATE!**



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## *From the President's Desk!*

### **PLANNING AHEAD**

#### **JUNE 2-5, 2024**

National Garden Club Convention to be held at the Westin Westminster in Denver, Colorado. Check the NGC website for more information and to register. Let Carolyn know if you plan to attend. Oregon can have six delegates, but names need to be turned in by May 1.

#### **AUGUST 21-23, 2024**

Pacific Region Convention, Anchorage, Alaska. More information will be published soon.

#### **SEPTEMBER 28, 2024**

OSFGC Fall State Board meeting hosted by Pioneer District, 10:30 a.m., at Rise Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224.

Have a great Spring. I hope to see many of you at your upcoming District meetings.

*Carolyn Olley*  
*OSFGC President*



# OSFGC Photo Contest

# What We've Been Up To

## OSFGC Photo Contest

### CATEGORIES

1. Scenery
2. Gardens
3. Floral Blooms
4. Birds
5. Animals
6. Insects/Butterflies
7. President's Choice: Learn, Share, Grow...a plant.



Only one photo entry may be submitted for each category in color and in Black and White for a total of 14 entries per member.

Do these categories look like fun to you? **You'll have until April 30, 2024 to enter digital copies of your favorite photographs.** Files can be no larger than 10 megabytes.

The entry form is on the OSFGC website.  
[oregongardenclubs.org](http://oregongardenclubs.org)  
**Forms**  
**Contests**  
**Photography Contest Entry Form**

There has been some confusion about the President's choice. Apparently, some information has gone out that her choice is "At the Beach," and that is fine also. I'll inform our judge about it.

**Email forms and pictures to**  
**[tanjandy@gmail.com](mailto:tanjandy@gmail.com)**

Looking forward to your pictures



*Thank you!*

**Tanja Swanson**  
**Photo Contest Chair**



## WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO

The Canyon Garden Club, Santiam District, making seed tapes.



**Cyndy & Sharon**



**Peggy, Diane & Diane**



**Charlene & Rosemary**



**Jean**

## What We've Been Up To

**Leanna Woodall**  
**Mahonia Editor**

- In the Fall 2023 Mahonia, we announced a new article "What We've Been Up To" for all District's or Clubs to be recognized by providing a 1-3 line statement or a few pictures of a recent project or event to be included in the Mahonia, letting us all know what "we've been up to" in Oregon.
- I'd like to thank the Canyon Garden Club in the Santiam District for sending the above pictures letting us all know what they have "been up to."
- We would love to hear about what's happening in your district and club also.



# OSFGC Board Meetings

## OSFGC SPRING STATE BOARD MEETING Saturday, March 9, 2024

**Julie Moore**  
Pacific District, Director

Hosted by the Pacific Region, twenty participants took part. Reports were given, items were introduced, discussed, and voted on. Then there was brunch...yummy...and socializing.

Thank you to every one of you who sent in your reports and to those of you who were able to attend. Thank you to everyone who tried to make it to the meeting on March 2. We are so sorry it had to be rescheduled to March 9 (because of the weather). We did have a quorum on March 9, so the Board was able to "take care of business."

The 2024 Fall State Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 28. Please see the notice on this page.. The Pioneer District will be hosting this meeting. The format will remain the same.

Check-in will begin at 10:00 a.m.; meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.; brunch is partially provided by the hosting district, partly by the attendees. A small registration fee to cover the cost of meeting space and purchases by the hosting district will be expected. We usually expect about 40 participants.



## OSFGC STATE FALL BOARD MEETING

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, September 28, 2024**  
**10:30 am – 2:30 pm**  
**Place – TBD**

**Pat Johnson**  
Pioneer District, Director

This meeting is being hosted by the Pioneer District and will be held at the Rise Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard, OR 97224. More information will be announced at a future date.

In the meantime, please save the date of Saturday, September 28, 2024 for this OSFGC State Fall Board Meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The meeting is for OSFGC Elected Officers, District Directors and Active Former Presidents.



# OSFGC Board Meeting Reports

## March 2024

### OSFGC STANDING RULES

(Last amendments and edits were made on  
3/22/2021)

Mike Stewart  
Parliamentarian

The proposed amendments noted in red, were presented to and approved by the OSFGC Board at their Spring Board Meeting on March 9, 2014.

The new wording is in bold red print. The deleted wording is in standard red print with a line through it.

Note in blue print explains the rationale for the proposed change.

#### 7. Conventions

- a. District invitation to host the convention shall be accompanied by an invitation from the District which has been approved by the voting delegates at a District meeting and include a statement setting forth available facilities for housing, food, and convention meeting rooms. **If an invitation is not forthcoming from a District for any reason, it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to propose a date, location or format and the length of the convention to the Board of Directors for their approval prior to the Convention.** 3/22/2021 (Note: This notes that time is of the essence and the Executive Committee must be prepared to take the lead in ensuring the annual convention is scheduled.)
- I. The NGC President **and/or** Regional Director ~~shall may~~ be **invited as** a guest of the OSFGC Convention and hospitality is required. When other National officers or chairmen are invited to appear on the program, transportation as well as hospitality, should be offered at the time invitation is extended. A gift for the invited NGC or Pacific Region guest may be purchased with OSFGC funds as budgeted, 3/13/2017 (Note: This will clarify that an invitation to the NGC President and/or the Regional Director is optional (shall changed to may) but if extended it will require OSFGC hospitality.)

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### OSFGC STANDING RULES

#### 10. Awards:

~~d. The Walter and Marian Allen Membership Award will be presented at the annual State Convention, beginning June 2017, as a Certificate, to the District with the largest percentage increase in membership for the current fiscal year.~~ 6-2015 (Note: The intent is to sunset the Walter and Marian Allen Membership Award effective immediately. It does not preclude the OSFGC Membership Chair from recognizing new members and/or club membership growth in other ways. **Item e. following, will be renumbered as d.**

11. The President may receive up to \$3,000 annually **for reimbursement of necessary expenses of this office** plus air fares and package plans to **attend the** NGC and Pacific Region board meetings and **annual** conventions. If the President is unable to attend the above, the funds will be available for the First Vice President to represent OSFGC. OSFGC will provide the President Elect ~~a stipend reimbursement~~, not to exceed \$1,500, for package plans and transportation to attend the National and/or Pacific Region conventions. 3/22/2021 (Note: This is expanded to clarify that any monies to be received by the President will be reimbursement for actual expenses of the office and will be paid according to the process outlined in Standing Rule 15. It further clarifies that the \$1,500 amount available for the President Elect is the maximum to be reimbursed whether one or both conventions are attended.)
12. Members of the Executive Committee **may be reimbursed receive** up to \$200 each annually to cover the necessary expenses of their office. 3/22/2021

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### OSFGC STANDING RULES

13. District Directors **may be reimbursed receive** up to \$80 annually to cover the necessary expenses of their office. **3/22/2021 (Note: Same amount of money is available, but expenditures must be documented, and a warrant submitted per Standing Rule 15.)**
21. That a Calendar of Events be set in place by the Executive Committee, that all State affiliated events be submitted to them for approval of desired date (s) and that approved dates be **promptly** posted on the State website **and further that the Calendar be kept current. 3/22/2021 (Note: This may require additional coordination between the Executive Committee and/or President and the Website Manager to keep the calendar current.)**
32. Motions, **whenever possible, should must** be presented to the OSFGC State President at least one (1) week prior to convention or board meeting. Motions received after this date will be considered **only if pertinent to matters under current or scheduled discussion and/or** as time permits. **A reminder will be issued with “the Call” to the next Board of Directors meeting. 3/22/2021 (Note: The purpose of this Standing Rule is to give the OSFGC State President advance notice of business likely to come before the body but it may not be used to preclude the President from accepting a motion received during a meeting (without advance notice) if it is relevant to business already before that body or is a motion that can be reasonably accommodated within the time allotment for the meeting.)**

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33. The location for the annual State Convention during an officer installation year shall be in the District (or a nearby District) of the incoming State President **whenever possible.** <sup>10/8/2018</sup> **(Note: The intent of this Standing Rule is to identify the “first choice” for the location of a convention in an election year but it should not preclude selecting a “second choice” if that becomes necessary for any reason.)**
34. Clubs who wish to withdraw or dissolve shall notify the OSFGC President, **and** their District Director, and submit a club dissolution/withdrawal request form **to acquired from** the Membership Chairman who is the First Vice President. <sup>6/11/2019 2018</sup> **(Note: The intent of this Standing Rule is to identify the preferred way to give notice that a club’s status is changing.)**
36. The Jan Iseli Fund <sup>3/22/2021</sup>
- Shall be designated as a permanent OSFGC Fund with a targeted minimum balance of \$100,000.
  - Amounts above this amount may be used for any OSFGC approved activity or cause on an approved case-by-case basis.
  - Application for the use of these funds may be made by any OSFGC Club or District, in good standing, and by any OSFGC Standing Committee.
  - Funds shall only be used to partner with or supplement a project or activity that also has other funding available.
  - Applications for the use of these funds may be made at any time and will be reviewed upon receipt by the OSFGC Executive Committee (or by a Special Committee appointed by the OSFGC President for this purpose).

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### OSFGC STANDING RULES

- f. **The decision of the Executive Committee (or Special Committee, if one is appointed) for the use of Jan Iseli Fund monies will be final unless notice is given by the petitioner at the time of their application that a decision is requested from the Board of Directors. The Executive Committee may also choose to forward any requests received directly to the Board and they will automatically forward any request that might reduce the fund below the targeted minimum balance. (Note: The potential uses of the Jan Iseli Fund earnings are broader than most other special funds and it is felt there should be Board oversight available, if requested, without needing to have every funding decision approved by the Board.)**



### Legislative Report

**Lynn Chiotti**  
**Legislative Chair**  
chiotti1@gmail.com

This is a short report due to the short Oregon State Legislative Session for 2024. With the limited time available, I have not been able to locate any appropriate bills or hearings that would impact the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. With only ten days remaining in the short session, no new legislation can be introduced and heard by committee. I hope that the full session in 2025 will provide more opportunities for possibly introducing something to get a State Wildflower named.

### Oregon Roadside Council Report

**Lynn Chiotti**  
**Oregon Road Side Council Chair**  
chiotti1@gmail.com

We have been able to get information on the Roadside Council Plaques installed throughout Oregon, Please contact us if you are interested in knowing where these plaques are located. Remember that the Roadside Council has grant funds available, up to \$500 for use when installing Blue and Gold Star Markers. These funds can be used for landscaping the area around these markers. Applications are available on the OSFGC website under Forms.

St. Helens Garden Club has applied for funds for their soon to be installed Gold Star Marker at the Veterans Memorial Park in Columbia City. They plan on having a dedication on Memorial Day, 2024.



# OSFGC Board Meeting Reports

## March 2024

### Environmental Awareness Chairman's Report January 2024

Stan Chiotti  
Chair

*"Water, water everywhere,  
but not a drop to drink."*

This saying is becoming alarmingly true. 97% of the Earth's water is salt water, 3% is fresh water. However, two-thirds of the fresh water is tied-up in icecaps and glaciers, making it inaccessible.

With our ever-increasing world population, there is a greater demand for the less than 1% of the Earth's water that is usable.

All is not lost. Corporate industries, educators, political leaders and scientists are working on solutions. Desalination plants remove salt and minerals from water.

300 million people get their drinking water from this method. Reclaimed water from sewage plants is being used for irrigation or to recharge groundwater aquifers.

Large scale drip irrigation is being used in commercial agriculture, as well as back yard gardening, to cut down on water usage. Rain water harvesting is a cost-efficient system of collecting rain water from roofs or parking areas. Barrels or bioswales allow the water to be stored and used later to water lawns or plants. It also reduces the strain on storm water systems during heavy downpours.

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### Environmental Awareness

What can individuals do to reduce water usage, while saving money at the same time?

- Install water flow restrictors in showers and sink faucets.
- Wait until you have a full load of clothes or dishes before you start the machine. Think of the amount of water that is used for fill and rinse cycles every load.
- Take shorter showers.
- Water lawns 1 inch once a week, or not at all during the summer. The grass will green back up with the fall rains.

If every person on Earth could save at least one gallon of water a day, that would add up to three trillion (3,000,000,000,000) gallons of fresh water a year.

Do your part. Our future depends on it.

*"I love spring anywhere,  
but if I could choose,  
I would always greet it in a garden."  
Ruth Stout*



# Pacific Region News

**AUGUST 21-23, 2024**

**Pacific Region Annual Convention  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Carol Norquist, Director**

The registration form and tentative schedule for the August Pacific Region Convention is now available.

You can find it on the Pacific Region website:

[www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/convention-2024](http://www.pacificregiongardenclubs.org/convention-2024)

2024 PR Convention Committee

## **Pacific Regional Youth Sculpture Contest Results**

**2024**

**Lynn Chiotti, Chair  
Pacific Region Garden Clubs**

For the first year of this Chairmanship, I need to say that I am disappointed in the number of entries received – only 8 total from all eight states.

I have sent information to all State Presidents and State Youth Contest people. I heard from only Oregon and California. I know that we have had entries in the past from several Pacific Region States. Three entries have advanced to NGC.

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## **Pacific Regional Youth Sculpture Contest**

So, I am issuing a challenge to all Eight States:

1. Make sure you have a **Youth Sculpture Chairman** for your State. State Chairmen, please inform your Districts of the Contest and then have the Districts contact the schools. This is a great opportunity to encourage students in Grades 4-8 to become more aware of the importance of Reduce, Reuse, Recycle in their communities in a creative way.
2. Make sure that all entries conform to the directions on the Application from NGC.
3. When Districts and States do your judging, please do not make any marks on the applications.
4. If possible, please electronically put the photos on the back of the application. Stapled or taped photos can come off too easily and make it difficult to send the winners to the next level.
5. Follow all the deadlines.
6. Send only one first place from each grade level.

This can be a fun and exciting project for all five grade levels. And I look forward to the 2025 Contest.

Work with your schools now to practice creating sculpture projects. Remember, practice makes perfect.

When the contest is announced for next year, be ready. **Let's see winners from each of the eight Pacific Region states submitted in the contest.**



*"An optimist is the human personification of spring."*

*Susan J. Bissonnette*

## April is Plant America Month!

Some suggested ways to celebrate:

- Print off and hang flyers around town
- Write an article for your local newspaper.

April 2<sup>nd</sup> - Nature Day, read Network with Nature to a child in your life

April 4<sup>th</sup> - National Carrot Day

April 5<sup>th</sup> - National Dandelion Day

April 6<sup>th</sup> - California Poppy Day

April 7<sup>th</sup> - Walk to Work Day

April 8<sup>th</sup> - National Zoo lovers Day

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Hug your Dog Day

April 13<sup>th</sup> - International Plant Appreciation Day

April 14<sup>th</sup> - National Gardening Day

April 16<sup>th</sup> - National Orchid Day

April 20<sup>th</sup> - Volunteer Recognition Day

April 22<sup>nd</sup> - Earth Day

April 25<sup>th</sup> - National Zucchini Bread Day

April 26<sup>th</sup> - Arbor Day - plant some trees

April 26<sup>th</sup> - National Audubon Day

April 28<sup>th</sup> - Stop Food Waste Day

Brenda Moore, NGC President  
[Bmoore@gardenclub.org](mailto:Bmoore@gardenclub.org)

**GO GREEN – PLANT AMERICA**



## State Officer Nominations Gaye Stewart Nominating Committee Chair

The Nominating Committee has just posted a revised form on the OSFGC website under Forms, Membership & Dues, for you to Self-Nominate or to Recommend someone else to be considered for one of the OSFGC officer positions for 2025-2027.

There are five elected and three appointed State Officer positions to fill every two years and while 2025 may seem like a long time away, the recruitment process has already begun, and we need your help.

- Take a moment to review the form and to read more about the positions in the current 2023-2025 OSFGC Directory.
- Next determine which position best suits your own interests and talents and/or who do you know in your club, district or in another part of the state organization that would be an ideal candidate?
- Complete the form for yourself, give it to someone else to complete or complete it for them, and the Nominating Committee will take it from there.

If we all work together, we will successfully continue to move this great organization forward. The next move is up to each of us. If you have questions or suggestions do call or text Gaye Stewart, Nominating Committee Chair at 503.510.4370.



# Committee Updates

## Environmental Awareness

### Environmental Awareness Chairman's Report, Spring 2024 Stan Chiotti, Chair

**Washington Arizona California Oregon  
Nevada Idaho Alaska Hawaii**

The only significance of the order of the above States is to form a pronounceable word, WACONIAH.

In the 1800's, the west coast was an undeveloped and mostly uninhabited wilderness. Then, about 1850, someone said, "Go west, young man, go west," and, boy, howdy, did they ever.

- California, with an area of 163,696 square miles, became a State on 9-9-1850.
- Oregon, with an area of 98,466 square miles, became a State on 2-14-1859.
- Nevada, with an area of 110,567 square miles, became a State on 10-31-1864.
- Washington, with an area of 71,362 square miles, became a State on 11-11-1889.
- Idaho, with an area of 83,642 square miles, became a State on 7-3-1890.
- Arizona, with an area of 113,998 square miles, became a State on 2-14-1912.
- Alaska, with an area of 663,267 square miles, became a State on 1-3-1959.
- Hawaii, with an area of 10,931 square miles, became a State on 8-21-1959.

That is a total of approximately 1,316,000 square miles or 815,920,000 acres of land.

Some interesting statistics about these 8 States that might explain why we are having a hard time in protecting and conserving our natural resources today.

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### Environmental Awareness Update

#### State Population

	1900	2000	2023
California	1,485,000	33,872,000	38,965,000
Oregon	414,000	3,421,000	4,233,000
Nevada	42,000	2,019,000	3,194,000
Washington	518,000	5,911,000	7,813,000
Idaho	163,000	1,299,000	1,965,000
Arizona	200,000	5,161,000	7,431,000
Alaska	64,000	628,000	733,000
Hawaii	154,000	1,214,000	1,435,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,040,000</b>	<b>53,525,000</b>	<b>65,769,000</b>

As shown above, from 1900 to 2000, the same size of land had to support over 50,000,000 more people. In the last 23 years, an additional 12,000,000 people have been added with no sign of slowing down. All these new people want and need electricity, food, housing, land, roads and water. They also want trees and forests. Land management and forestry management are critical issues today. Soon, one will have to be sacrificed for the other.

As of today, the following is the approximate percentage of forests that are left in the 8 States:

California 32%	Idaho 40%
Oregon 45%	Arizona 25%
Nevada 16%	Alaska 35%
Washington 50%	Hawaii 50%

All garden clubs should hold discussions on these issues and try to come up with workable solutions to conserve and protect our natural resources. Recycle, re-purpose, re-use is a start. Planting a tree wouldn't hurt either.

**References for data used in this report (using Google search):**

**State areas:** [wikipedia.org](http://wikipedia.org), [netstate.com](http://netstate.com), [www.worldatlas.com](http://www.worldatlas.com)

**State populations:** [www.macrotrends.net](http://www.macrotrends.net), [www2.census.org](http://www2.census.org)

**Percentage of forests remaining in each State: individual state forestry depts.**

**Note that forests are on federal, BLM, private and public lands.**

# Committee Updates

## Blue Star/Gold Star Dedications

### 2024 DEDICATIONS BLUE STAR AND GOLD STAR MEMORIAL MARKERS

#### Dedications planned for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27, 2024, 11:00 am.

1. Lake Oswego Foothills Veterans Park, Blue Star Byway Memorial Marker, Country Gardens Garden Club with L.O. Veterans Memorial, will dedicate this marker and celebrate 75 years in 2024.
2. Lake Oswego Foothills Veterans Park, Gold Star Byway Memorial Marker, Lake Grove Garden Club with L.O. Veterans Memorial, will dedicate this marker and celebrate 100 years in 2024.
3. St Helens Garden Club, St. Helens Elks Lodge #1999 and American Legion Post 42 will dedicate a Gold Star Memorial Marker at Columbia City, Or.
4. Astoria Gold Star Memorial Marker is now scheduled for Warrenton, **Wednesday, May 29, 2024**, 11:00 am. 99 North Main Avenue, Post Office location.

#### Pending Dedications for 2024

5. Dallas Garden Club will dedicate a Gold Star Memorial Marker.
6. Douglas County Veterans Advisory Committee will dedicate a Blue Star and a Gold Star Byway Memorial Marker at the Douglas County War Memorial.
7. Scappoose Garden Club will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial Marker. Veterans Day 2023.

Many thanks to those clubs and members who honored our Veterans by placing flowers or a wreath at your marker. More thanks to our members who weeded and cleaned and polished the marker.

Let us continue with Memorial Day and the Christmas season. You are all so appreciated!

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### 2024 DEDICATIONS

Refurbishing needed for a marker? The first one was installed in Eugene, 1949. Then Medford in 1951. 73 years of ice, rain, snow and sun is stressful! The cost might be less if several markers need to be refurbished. Please contact Jane Sercombe if interested.

Sincerely,  
Jane Sercombe  
OSFGC Blue Star Gold Star Chair  
Veterans Liaison  
Jane.sercombe@gmail.com



### GOLD STAR FAMILIES HIGHWAY DEDICATION

Wednesday, May 29, 2024  
11:00 am

Post Office Location  
99 North Main Avenue  
Warrenton, Oregon

#### Presented By

#### Military Order of the Purple Heart

Our members have all answered our Country's call.

Now as Combat Wounded veterans, we proudly continue to serve our country by helping America's active duty, veterans, her families and those who have borne the burden of battle.

#### Sponsored By

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs  
American Legion



Located on Oregon's north Coast, the tight-knit community of Warrenton has a long history with our nation's military. From hosting the Lewis & Clark expedition at nearby Fort Clatsop over the winter of 1805-1806, the area has remained a key military location ever since.

It is the site of Fort Stevens, Battery Russell, Camp Rilea and a US Coast Guard Station. With this strong military presence, is it any wonder that many Warrenton residents have proudly served their country in the military? These are the local heroes the memorial is meant to honor.

### Container Gardening Pretty Pots for Food, Fragrance and Focal Points

Sheryl Casteen, Assistant Director  
Santiam District

#### Design Arrangement

Getting started is easy and fun. You can create great combos with a few plants or many. Pick the right location. Do not mix shade and sun loving plants in the same pot. One or both types will struggle. Read the labels before you buy. Remember the "thriller, spiller, and filler" method. The "thriller" is tall and thrills you. Next the "filler" spreads around the middle. The "spiller" will fall over the rim.

Use the healthiest plants. Identify plants that are thriving. Are they well-watered, or are the leaves shriveled and wilted? Are the roots coming out the bottom? If so, it may have been in a pot for a long time. Check for pests. Buy plants that are just budding out so you will have a longer bloom period.

#### Food Plants

Many people feel their space is too small for a food garden. You do not need acres of land. Whether you have a balcony, patio, or small yard, you can produce a tremendous amount of food. Check out succession planting. Container gardening includes small raised beds or window boxes.

Look for dwarf varieties, especially tomatoes. They are strong, short, and usually produce the same amount as taller plants. A large pot with several different herbs at the kitchen door is fabulous for cooking. Or mix your flowers and veggies. Put purple salvia with tomatoes and rainbow chard. Add a cabbage with pink cosmos and blue lobelia. The combinations are endless.



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## Container Gardening Pretty Pots for Food, Fragrance and Focal Points

Strawberries have long been a container fruit. Other berries are thornless bush raspberries, blackberries and blueberries. They are easy to grow and tasty. Weeds are almost non-existent in containers. Start small, add a few pots at a time. Get your creative juices flowing and have fun!

### CONTAINER POINTERS

#### Pots Matter

- Pots come in all sizes, shapes, and materials.
- Clay is heavy, plastic is light.
- Clay cracks easily, plastic not so much.
- Make sure drainage holes are plentiful.
- Metal pots can fry roots within hours on hot days.

#### Size Matters

- Containers need more frequent watering.
- Root space is most important. Roots need to stay cool.
- Use containers at least 12"H by 15"W for more than one plant.
- Fill container to within 2" of the rim.
- Plants do better in larger containers.
- Small trees, shrubs, roses, and vines can all be grown in containers.

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## Container Gardening Pretty Pots for Food, Fragrance and Focal Points

#### Soil Matters

- This is the foundation of your success. Use light, easy draining soil.
- Add worm castings and dry fertilizer. Fertilize more often in the summer months.
- No rocks or peanuts in the pot as they block drainage. Try to use specialized soil.
- This will prevent clogging or weed seeds.

#### Location Matters

- Decide where you want your pots and set them there to fill. Otherwise, they may be too heavy to move.

#### Aesthetics-A matter of choice

- Go for what you like, what pleases you.
- Select colors, size, variety and fragrance of your choice.
- Place 3, 5 or 7 pots together to make a statement.
- Choose pot colors that coordinate with your plants or are strikingly different.



## Mimicry: Sheep in Wolves' Clothing

© David Kollen

When we hear the word mimicry, many of us might think of a comedian mimicking a well-known figure. We all know of other animals, such as some parrots, that are capable of mimicking human speech. In the insect world mimicry isn't a conscious choice but rather an evolutionary outcome, typically related to predator avoidance.

There are a number of pollinators that provide good examples of this. The mimic has in some way evolved to look like a more dangerous pollinator, for instance a wasp or bee. Many wasps and bees have some kind of obvious markings, like stripes, that let potential predators know that danger lurks here. This kind of marking is termed "aposematic." It doesn't take long for a bird to realize that grabbing a mouth full of bumble bee or wasp may not be a good idea. In the future it will probably avoid anything that looks similar.

As a result, good mimics may avoid being eaten and live long enough to produce offspring. Hover Flies, or more accurately, Syrphid flies, provide a good example. If you look closely at the first photo (Top to Bottom) you will see that this fly could easily be mistaken for a bee.

Pictures two and three provide other examples of fly mimics. The first fly mimics a common eastern bumble bee (*Bombus impatiens*). The second fly, a Bombylid fly, is a general bumble bee mimic. Unless you look closely, you could easily mistake either of these flies for a bumble bee.

Moths provide other examples of mimicry. The Raspberry crown-borer is shown in the remaining photo. This moth looks like nothing that we would think of as a moth, but it sure does look like a yellowjacket! It's worth remembering that the deception doesn't have to be perfect, just good enough to fool a predator looking for its next meal.



# Garden Club News



## Tigard Garden Club ANNUAL PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 11  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Bull Mountain Farmer's Market  
Canterbury Square  
14389 SW Pacific Highway  
Tigard, OR



Members provide bargain-priced, healthy, generously sized plants including vegetables, herbs, flowering, and garden specimens.

A 501(C)(3) non-profit organization, the sale aids us in supporting our ongoing charities, including Meals on Wheels, Caring Closet, and Tigard Good Neighbor Center.

**A perfect option for spring gardening or gifting. Don't miss it!**

For questions, please contact  
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*"In the spring, at the  
end of the day, you  
should smell like dirt."  
Margaret Atwood*

## McMinnville Garden Club 23rd Annual Garden Tour and Faire Sunday, June 9, 2024



Tour tickets are \$10 each. Purchase tickets at Kraemer's Garden (3170 N OR-99W, McMinnville), Incahoots (905 NE Baker Street, McMinnville) or the day of the event at the Faire Ticket Booth.

### GARDEN TOUR

Tour time is 10:00 am – 3:00 pm



Tour five private gardens featuring colorful container pots, ornamental grasses, perennials, roses, trees and shrubs in unique and delightful settings.

Visit the Serenity Garden where recent additions include sculptures, trees and plants.

### GARDEN FAIRE

Faire time is 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Located on 2nd Street and Cowsls  
in downtown McMinnville.  
No cost.



The Garden Faire showcases 60+ vendors offering robust plants, garden art, unique accessories, jewelry and more.

- ❖ Proceeds support student scholarships, the Serenity Garden and community beautification projects.
- ❖ Visit [mcminnvillegardenclub.org](http://mcminnvillegardenclub.org) for more information.
- ❖ Group support is available to assist you in planning your day. Contact : Janis Stoven, Text 651-724-0502, Email: [stovenjm@gmail.com](mailto:stovenjm@gmail.com)
- ❖ News Release Contact: Janis Stoven, McMinnville Garden Club, Email: [stovenjm@gmail.com](mailto:stovenjm@gmail.com), Phone: 651-724-0502





# Garden Club News

## Zimmerman House, Portland Villa Garden Club Sue Ceglie

Villa Garden Club is one of two Portland District clubs who care for the gardens at Zimmerman House, a 150- year-old Queen Anne farm house property. Villa Garden Club and Multnomah Garden Club share responsibility for upkeep and plantings for all of the gardens of this Historic House.

A dedicated group of Villa members have a long history of tending to these gardens, including a Butterfly garden. Our workers are getting expert at fighting Italian arum growth from over the winter despite “wintering over” the garden. Our goal is to provide plants which will add beauty to the House, attract bees and butterflies and to support the grounds that have no other financial support from the county. We have regular budgeted funds to help maintain our portion of the gardens.

This year is an especially important year for the gardens as there will be celebrations for the house’s anniversary on Sunday, July 14, 2024. There will be a vintage car show and an ice cream social in addition to special tours of the house. See the web site for hours.

<https://www.echohistory.org>

If you’re interested in touring the gardens and historic Zimmerman house at 17111 NE Sandy Blvd., Portland, OR 97230, tours of the house are every second Saturday of the month from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm. You may also go to the website for other events



Zimmerman House



Plants in the Garden



Shirley Piel and Celestia Bue

# Garden Club News



## Lake Grove Garden Club Peggy Keonjian

It is an exciting year for the Lake Grove Garden Club of Lake Oswego. As the first Federated garden club in Oregon, we are celebrating our centennial this year!

### ANNUAL PLANT SALE

**On Saturday, April 27th we will hold our annual huge plant sale from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at Our Lady of the Lake Church, A Avenue and 8th in Lake Oswego.**

- We have tables of perennials, small trees, shrubs, natives, grasses and even some pretty pots to hold them.
- Best of all, we have a wonderful selection of garden-themed door prizes for purchasers such as discount coupons at nurseries, visits to the Oregon Gardens and other donated nursery gifts

In addition, to celebrate our anniversary, we will be holding a party later this year for members and special guests, with a delightful display of gardening themes through the past ten decades.

We continue to sponsor community events such as giving spring flowers to Meals-on-Wheels recipients and taking care of plants in public spaces.

Last summer we participated in a wonderful summer event at Luscher Farms Community Gardens for families, with treasure hunts, crafts and information about gardens.

We will also will continue caring for our Pollinator Garden at Luscher Farms.

It will be a busy and delightful year!

## The New Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club!

Gaye Stewart  
Director Santiam District

The Grand Prairie Garden Club was established and federated in 1946 and was an active part of the Albany Community. Their favorite project was creating flower shows for the community and the numerous clubs in the district at that time. It was a huge success and greatly enjoyed.

As the years progressed Norma Winter, a member of Grand Prairie, was elected President. Little did she realize how long she would serve in that role – some eight terms! As she neared the end of her 2021-2023 term, she announced to the club that she would be retiring in June.

The club had dropped to about ten active members, and no one wanted to serve as a club officer, so they voted to close. They were, however, encouraged to continue and the Santiam District Executive Committee pledged to provide a leadership support structure until a new officer team could be established.

In discussing with all the new members who have joined since June, a common desire to bring a more geographical emphasis to the club's name, "Grand Prairie Garden Club" emerged. After several club meetings devoted to brainstorming possible club names, we finally took a vote, and thus have become the **Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club!**

Our membership continues to grow, and new guests are coming each month for our programs and to see the fun we are having with our new flower friends.

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## Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club!

The wisdom to be learned from this experience is:

### Do not give up!

If it seems your club is tired, aging out, or is not as much fun as it once was – change it up! Get some help from your district, or from a club nearby that is growing! We are all in this together, so let us truly help one another. This can start with a club's request for help, or it can start with a club's offer to help.

**Either way,  
Together we Can!**



**Albany Grand Prairie  
Garden Club  
Meets the 2nd Thursday  
1:00 to 2:30 pm  
Albany Public Library  
2450 14<sup>th</sup> Street  
Albany, OR 97322  
"Serving Albany"**

**Visitors are always Welcome!  
For More Info Call:  
503.510.4370**

## THE FIVE OAKS GARDEN CLUB PLANT SALE



**Saturday, May 18, 2024  
9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**Westside Bible Fellowship Church  
526 SE 9<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
(9<sup>th</sup> and Walnut)  
Hillsboro, OR 97123**



**Perennials, lilacs and house plants.  
Also, Garage Sale, at same location.**

**Beaverton Garden Club  
partnering with  
Cedar Mills Garden Club**

**16<sup>th</sup> Annual Plant Sale**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11, 2024**


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

**NEXUS CHURCH  
Parking Lot  
12555 SW 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET  
(Hall Blvd. & 22<sup>nd</sup> St.)  
BEAVERTON, OR**

**1500+ PERRENIALS, SHRUBS,  
TREES, VEGGIE AND HERB  
STARTS, PLANTED  
CONTAINERS, NATIVE PLANTS  
AND MOTHER'S DAY  
BOUQUETS.**

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





**St. Helens Garden Club  
Spring Plant Sale  
Saturday, May 4, 2024  
St. Helens  
Public Library Porch  
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Home Grown Horticulture including house plants, iris, dahlias, bedding plants, ground covers and more.

Rocky Point Composted Poo - great for roses and tomatoes.

**Cash or Check only**

# Mahonia Publication News

## Mahonia Publication Information

- The Mahonia is published quarterly each year.
- Articles are due to the Editor, Leanna Woodall, lwoodallor@comcast.net, no later than the dates listed here. No articles will be accepted after the published due date without prior approval of the OSFGC President.
- Leanna will proof and format all articles and any accompanying photos and insert them into the Mahonia Newsletter.
- After additional proofing and editing by our President, Carloyn Olley, and Leanna Woodall, the Mahonia will be posted on the OSFGC website and distributed to the state district directors, club presidents and others for distribution.

## Publication Requirements

- All Mahonia articles are to be submitted in a **Word document**, Reference: OSFGC Directory 2023-2025, 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 .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.

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## Publication Requirements

- Submitted 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 refer to other publications must use the proper references (publication name, date, volume, author, title, etc.).
- If you have any questions, please contact the Editor, Leanna Woodall, at lwoodallor@comcast.net or Cell #503-332-4740.



## MAHONIA DUE DATES

### Articles Due

June 30, 2024  
September 30, 2024  
December 30, 2024  
March 30, 2025

### Publication Dates

July 8, 2024  
October 8, 2024  
January 8, 2025  
April 8, 2025

