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SUMMER ISSUE

PRESIDENT'S SUMMER MESSAGE

I've been able to visit many of the districts during my first year in office. As I've said before, visiting all of you is one of the best parts of my job. Please keep inviting me, and Rebecca Cook (1st V.P.) as well. She will be your next OSFGC President, you need to get to know her and she needs to get to know you.

During this past year, I've had some committee chairs step away from their positions. We currently have chair positions open for: Youth; Treasure Chest; National Garden Week; Leach Botanical Garden; Horticulture Award; and The Oregon Garden/Frank Lloyd Wright House. If you are interested in any of these positions, please email me (molley1755@comcast.net).

As you may have heard, National Garden Clubs, Inc. is selling pavers for the Path of Success. Now until Giving Tuesday (November 26, 2024) pavers are available to customize for individuals, businesses, garden clubs, districts, etc. OSFGC has purchased a State Paver for the Path. I encourage your Districts, Clubs, and individuals to also purchase a paver. You can find the order form on the NGC website.

I want to remind you that it's dues paying time again. Please send your dues to Karen Brown, our State Treasurer. There is a form on the OSFGC website to fill out with Karen's address and all the information you'll need. They are due before October 1st.

If you are a new club president, or other club or district officer, I do have some extra 2023-2025 Directories available. Let me know if you need one. They are full of information and resources.

Try to stay cool.

Take care of yourself.

Be kind to each other.

Hug your loved ones.

I am looking forward to my second year as your President.

Carolyn Olley
President OSFGC
2023-2025



What We've Been Up To

**National Garden Club Convention
June 2-7, 2024
Denver, Colorado**



OSFGC President Carolyn Olley receiving recognition from NGC President Brenda Moore at the 2024 NGC Convention in Denver, Colorado.



OSFGC President Carolyn Olley celebrating Smokey the Bear's 80th anniversary at the 2024 NGC Convention in Denver, Colorado.

National Garden Clubs Mission

National Garden Clubs, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization that aims to promote the love of gardening, floral design, and civic and environmental responsibility and we help coordinate the interests and activities of state and local garden clubs in the U.S. and abroad.



The Smokey Bear license plate benefits wildfire prevention efforts. In Oregon, the proceeds from the Smokey Bear plates go to the **Keep Oregon Green Association**, a non-profit organization dedicated to educating the public on preventing human-caused wildfires.

OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION PRESIDENT'S REPORT

OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION 2ND VP REPORT

PRESIDENT'S REPORT PRESENTED AT THE 96th ANNUAL OSFGC CONVENTION JUNE 18, 2024 Carolyn Olley President OSFGC

Second Vice President Report Tanja Swanson

It has been quite a year. I have visited most of our Districts for their Fall 2023 and/or Spring District meetings. Best part of my job is visiting all of you. Thank you for inviting me. I have and will continue to attend as often as I can.

We've undergone some changes at the National level, but that has resolved itself and now it's old news. We're moving forward.

Here in Oregon, we've had some Committee Chairs step away from their positions. We've replaced some of them and are making do without the others.

My Beach-Accessible Wheelchair Project is doing very well. We've already raised enough money to pay for one chair and its shipping fees. We're on to the next chair!

As you know, we've lost several garden club friends this past year. We also lost a former State President, Marcia Kay Whitelock in April. We're scheduled to talk more about that during the Memorials at the Convention.

Take care of yourself. Be kind to each other. Hug your loved ones.

I am looking forward to my second year in office.

- We are still looking for someone to fill the Second Vice President position.
 - Carolyn, Becky, Darby, Karen, Mike and Tiffany are an awesome team representing the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs.
 - Share your excitement, expertise and knowledge with the team and be part of something bigger that will also help you to learn and grow.
 - I invite you to join their team by filling the position of Second Vice President and helping to direct OSFGC into the future.
 - Of course I will be there to guide you. If not you, perhaps someone in your club would be the perfect match?
- Thank you from Tanja Swanson.

OSFGC COMMITTEE CHAIRS UPDATED/NEEDED Send interest to Carolyn Olley

- **BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE** – New Chair Needed, Charmane Mitchell has stepped away.
- **BLUE & GOLD STAR MARKERS** - New Chair Needed, Laurel Buncak has stepped away.
- **INVASIVE AND POISONOUS PLANTS** – New Chair is Julie Moore.
- **LEACH BOTANICAL GARDENS** – New Chair Needed.
- **NATIONAL GARDEN WEEK** – New Chair Needed.
- **OREGON NEWSLETTER (MAHONIA)**- Co-Chair, Charmane Mitchell has stepped away.
- **TREASURE CHEST (FOR CONVENTION, 2025)** - New Chair Needed.



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Photo Contest 2024 Report Tanya Swanson

Thank you to all who entered. It is always fun seeing all your different pictures and I love all of them!

Most of the Districts participated. We had 77 entries.

I used all the 2nd and 3rd place winners throughout my PowerPoints from the last few days.

Here are the winners. You can see that two members won a lot of the first-place awards. Our judge, Steve Spencer, has no idea who the pictures are from. He just goes by the rules of photography. He told me though that some of your pictures were too small in size and he couldn't judge them. I will send certificates to your Districts.

One note: The PacificRegion Photo contest deadline has been extended to March 15, 2025.

INSECTS & BUTTERFLIES

FIRST PLACE

Jamie Hooper, Junction City GC, Willamette District



SECOND PLACE

Sughrue. Grow & Show, Capitol District



THIRD PLACE

Gretchen Blanchard, Coos Bay GC, Rogue District



LEARN, SHARE, GROW

FIRST PLACE

Wanda Baker, Northside GC, Klamath District



SECOND PLACE

Julie Moore, Ocean Spray GC, Pacific District



THIRD PLACE

Pamela Zaklan, Grants Pass GC, Siskiyou District



ANIMALS

FIRST PLACE

Jennifer E. Grippando, Grants Pass GC, Siskiyou District



SECOND PLACE

Jeanena Whitewilson, Jacksonville GC, Siskiyou District



THIRD PLACE

Gretchen Blanchard, Coos Bay GC, Rogue District



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

BIRDS

FIRST PLACE

Gretchen Blanchar, Coos Bay GC, Rogue District



SECOND PLACE

Julie Moore, Ocean Spray GC, Pacific District



THIRD PLACE

Victoria Fuller, Beaverton GC, Pioneer District and Southwestern GC, Northcoast District



GARDENS

FIRST PLACE

Jamie Hooper, Junction City GC, Willamette District



SECOND PLACE

Julie Moore, Ocean Spray GC, Pacific District



THIRD PLACE

Jeanena Whitewilson, Jacksonville GC, Siskiyou District



AT THE BEACH

FIRST PLACE

Brigitte Johnson, Grow & Show GC, Capitol District



SECOND PLACE

Jamie Hooper, Junction City GC, Willamette District



THIRD PLACE

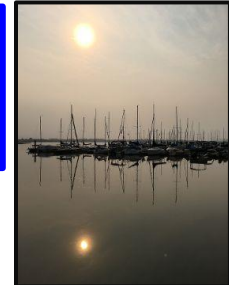
Gretchen Blanchard, Coos Bay GC, Rogue District



SCENERY

FIRST PLACE

Jamie Hooper, Junction City GC, Willamette District



SECOND PLACE

Brigitte Johnson, Grow & Show GC, Capitol District



THIRD PLACE

Patty Boynton, Eugene GC, Willamette District



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

FLORAL BLOOMS

FIRST PLACE & BEST OF SHOW

Jamie Hooper, Junction City GC, Willamette District



BEST OF SHOW

SECOND PLACE

Julie Moore, Ocean Spray GC, Pacific District



THIRD PLACE

Barb Sughrue, Grow & Show GC, Capitol District



Nominating Committee Report Gaye Stewart, Chair

At the June Convention in 2023, a State Nominating Committee was elected by the Board for the purpose of seeking qualified candidates to consider serving in one of the key leadership roles for the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs. Five people and two alternates were elected. We have since had one resignation, and one of the alternates has stepped up to fill that vacancy.

The current Committee includes:
Wanda Baker, Klamath District
Kathy Kelsey, Mt. Hood District
Mary Kerr, Rogue District
Mike Stewart, Capitol District
Me (Gaye Stewart), Santiam District
Ginny Timmerman, North Coast District (alternate).

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Nominating Committee Report

These people represent different areas of the State and are active in the work of OSFGC, but they are not the only ones, you, too, are leaders and attend club and district functions, you know people and see their skills demonstrated through their club, committee assignments, problem-solving, joy in working with people, are visionary, and the list could go on.

Why do I tell you all this? In reality, we are all part of the Nominating Committee. You too see and know people who would make a great state officer.

Make a list of these people, and one-by-one approach them and say, "I believe you would make an excellent candidate for the office of (and name the office)." Then, be prepared to give them a copy of the job description and 1 required qualification listed in our State Directory and be sure to include a "Self-Nomination or Recommendation for the Executive Committee" form. The revised form is on the state website and is downloadable. Then, let me, or one of the other Nominating Committee members, know who you are recommending.

Remember we are all part of this important team-building process to find positive leadership to move OSFGC forward!

So, Recruit and Nominate! Two very important words! What are those two words? RECRUIT and NOMINATE. Together we can, and we will, build a great Leadership Team!

Thank you for your attention, and we do look forward to hearing from you. Oh, and yes, you can nominate yourself.

OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Promise Trees Report Convention 2024 Tanya Swanson, Chair

The OSFGC Promise Trees vouchers are worth \$50 each for the 2020 fire victims!

Last year during Convention, the Board allowed us to include victims from more recent fires and to extend the deadline to the end of 2026.

We have become more creative with our distributions and have given multiple vouchers to organizations and cities.

The important part is to restore greenery and trees to the burned areas.

Diane Hide, from one of our newest garden clubs, the Canyon Garden Club, has been instrumental in reaching the victims of the Beachie Creek fire.

She handed the city of Gates, that completely burned down in 2020, 5 vouchers besides delivering numerous vouchers to individual homeowners.

Kathy Simmons has been working together with different very enthusiastic city workers in Talent, Oregon. Hector Flores, who brought us in contact with Maker City. An organization that encourages science, technology, engineering, art and math. They received 15 vouchers. They said: "The Promise Trees will support the transformation of a burned-out, downtown lot into a central community space with the development of their new makerspace building!"

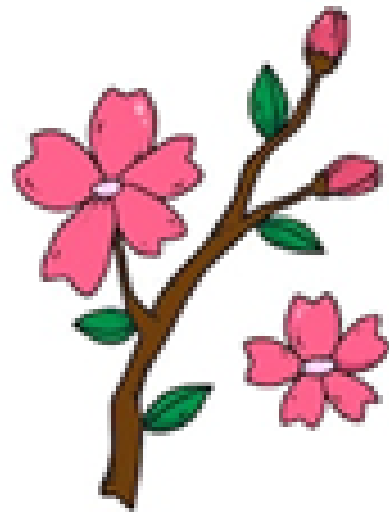
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Promise Trees Report

Sadly, the city of Talent reorganized and discontinued the position of Community Engagement and Outreach person and so Hector is not able to help us anymore.

The 242 fire (2020), the Cutoff fire (2021) The Bootleg fire (2021), and the Golden fire (2023) in the Klamath area destroyed dozens of homes and many of those victims have received vouchers. Stephanie Pickern is working together with Michelle Crane from the Klamath-Lake Long-term Recovery Group. We have \$ 34,779.66 left in our account OSFGC has reimbursed 104 vouchers- \$5200 Thank you to all the faithful's on the Promise Trees Team and to all who have supported this project that is appreciated all over the State.



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Environmental Awareness Report Convention 2024

Stan Chiotti

I found an interesting article from NASA that helps explain the differences between climate change and global warming, plus weather and climate. It is quoted below from NASA Science "What is Climate Change?" March 18, 2024.

"Climate change is a long-term change in the average weather patterns that have come to define Earth's local, regional and global climates. These changes have a broad range of observed effects that are synonymous with the term. Changes observed in Earth's climate since the mid-20th century are driven by human activities, particularly fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in Earth's atmosphere, raising Earth's average surface temperature.

Natural processes, which have been overwhelmed by human activities, can also contribute to climate change, including internal variability (e.g. cyclical ocean patterns like

El Nino, La Nina, and the Pacific Decadal (oscillation) and external forcings (e.g. volcanic activity, changes in the Sun's energy output and variations in Earth's orbit.

Scientists use observations from the ground, air and space, along with computer models, to monitor and study past, present, and future climate change. Climate data records provide evidence of climate change key indicators, such as global land and ocean temperature increases; rising sea levels; ice loss at Earth's poles and in mountain glaciers; frequency and severity changes in extreme weather such as hurricanes, heatwaves, wildfires, droughts, floods, and precipitations; and cloud and vegetation cover changes.

Global warming is the long-term heating of Earth's surface observed since the pre-industrial period (between 1850 and 1900) due to human activities, primarily fossil fuel burning, which increases heat-trapping greenhouse gas levels in Earth's atmosphere. This term is not interchangeable with the term "climate change."

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Environmental Awareness Report

Since the pre-industrial period, human activities are estimated to have increased Earth's global average temperature by about 1 degree Celsius (1.8 degrees Fahrenheit), a number that is currently increasing by more than 0.2 degrees Celsius (0.36 degrees Fahrenheit) per decade. The current warming trend is unequivocally the result of human activity since the 1950s and is proceeding at an unprecedented rate over millennia.

Weather refers to atmospheric conditions that occur locally over short periods of time- - from minutes to hours or days. Familiar examples include rain, snow, clouds, winds, floods or thunderstorms.

Climate, on the other hand, refers to the long-term (usually at least 30 years) regional or even global average of temperature, humidity, and rainfall patterns over seasons, years or decades.

Weather.com lists the 2024 USA weather mid-year recap on tornadoes, floods, and record heat. There have been 1201 tornadoes so far this year, 786 in just April and May. Three major flooding events have happened. Texas saw heavy rains in April and May, triggering major flooding in the Houston area. South Florida cities had over two feet of rain in mid June. South Dakota, Minnesota, and Iowa got 15 inches of rain in late June, causing major structural damage to dams, levees and roads. More than a dozen US cities had their record warmest first 6 months of any year."

Climate change is real, not going away any time soon, is going to cost trillions of dollars to correct, and requires everyone to rethink how they live, and what they need to do to protect our planet Earth.



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Award for Yearbooks and Yearbook Covers for 2024

YEARBOOK Small Club

- 1st Place** Petal Pushers GC Multnomah District
2nd Place Columbian “ “

YEARBOOK Medium Club

- 1st Place** Northside GC, Klamath District
2nd Place Tigard GC, Pioneer District
3rd Place Villa GC, Portland District

YEARBOOK Large Club

- 1st Place** Coos Bay GC, Rogue District
2nd Place Lebanon GC, Santiam District
3rd Place Illinois Valley GC, Siskiyou District

YEARBOOK Ex Large

- 1st Place** Grants Pass GC, Siskiyou District

YEARBOOK COVER Small Club

- 1st Place** Petal Pushers Multnomah District
2nd Place Columbian “ “

YEARBOOK COVER Medium Club

- 1st Place** Tigard GC, Pioneer District
2nd Place Country Gardens GC, Clackamas District
3rd Place Northside GC, Klamath District

YEARBOOK COVER Large Club

- 1st Place** Grants Pass GC, Siskiyou District
2nd Place Coos Bay GC, Rogue District
3rd Place Illinois Valley GC, Siskiyou District

DISTRICT YEARBOOK

- 1st Place** Siskiyou District Book
2nd Place Willamette District

YOUTH SCULPTURE CONTEST

Carole Schuldt

Youth Sculpture Contest Chair

- This year we received several entries from different grades. It was exciting to see the creativity exhibited by the student participants.
- Our first-place winners were sent on to the Pacific Region contest judges for their perusal. And I understand we have some winners! I'll let Lynn Chiotti talk about those (see below).
- Our Oregon First Place winners will be receiving certificates in the mail later in the Summer.
- I'm so proud of all the children who entered. They put a lot of thought into their designs. They also seemed very aware of different kinds of things we would usually throw away. They all chose very creative ways to use "trash."

Youth Sculpture Contest

2024 Oregon Winners

Lynn Chiotti – Youth Contest Chairman for Pacific Region and OSFGC, Inc.

Congratulations to the three Winners in Oregon who were advanced to the Pacific Region Contest. They are:

- **Grade 8, Hailey Sutton, North Clackamas Christian School**
- **Grade 6, Sam Matthis, Alliance Charter Academy**
- **Grade 5, Bella Bradley, Klamath County Library**

With five classes eligible, we should have even more next year, Districts need to make sure you have a chairman assigned so they can encourage schools in your district and home- schooled students to practice creating sculptures from recycled materials. The actual rules are on the NGC Website under Youth Contests. Then as contest deadline time approaches, have them finalize their entries. I will announce the Deadlines when school begins in September. Let's get them thinking about Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, so they can encourage their families to be a part of saving our Planet Earth.



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION COMMITTEE REPORTS



BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MEMORIALS

Jane Sercombe

Blue Star Gold Star Chair, Veterans Liaison.
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Members of the Oregon State Federation of Garden Club have sponsored or partnered with Oregon Veteran Groups to install and celebrate a record number of Blue Star and Gold Star memorial markers these past months, with even more planned. Thank you for remembering our heroes who have served, who are currently serving, or who will serve in the future and especially for remembering the Gold Star Families whose family member did not return home from their service.

Upcoming Dedications Dates will be announced as markers are delivered.

- Deschutes American Legion Post 4: Gold Star Memorial Marker.
- Douglas County Oregon War Memorial: September 20, National POW/MIA Day.
- Scappoose Garden Club, Blue Star Memorial Marker.
- Dallas Garden Club, Gold Star Memorial Marker.
- Central Point Garden Club, Blue Star Byway Marker. December 7, 2024
- Central Point Garden Club, Gold Star Byway Marker. September 29, 2024.
- Gold Star Mothers and Families Day. Odell Garden Club, Blue Star Byway Marker. September 2, 2024.
- Odell Garden Club, Gold Star Byway Marker. September 2, 2024.

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BLUE STAR/GOLD STAR MEMORIALS

Refurbishing may be needed for markers standing for decades in severe weather conditions. The cost will vary depending on the number of clubs who might want to schedule a professional cleaning of their marker. **Please let Jane know by August 1, 2024, if you are interested in this procedure.**

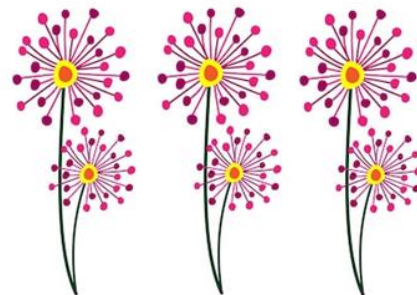
OSFGC Spring Board Meeting Awards Committee Report June 1, 2024

Kathy Simmons, Chair
bobkat97523@gmail.com

Activity January-May of 2024:

- **Feel Free Youth Poetry Awards**
Prepared: 17 (7-Northside GC, 10-Sunny Hills GC)
- **Smokey Bear Poster Contest Awards**
Prepared: 1 (Bonanza, OR)
- **Woodsy Owl Poster Contest Awards**
Prepared: 4 (3-Klamath Falls GC, 1-Bonanza, OR)

Please contact me for help researching information.



OSFGC 2024 GOLD STAR/BLUE STAR DEDICATIONS

#104. Gold Star Memorial Marker

Columbia City Veterans Park
330 Mattie Street
Columbia City, OR

Sponsored by St. Helens Garden Club
Gold Star Marker #12

Memorial Day May 27, 2024



On a spectacular Memorial Day, The Gold Star Marker sponsored by the St. Helens Garden Club and other community groups and corporations, was dedicated by Jane Sercombe, OSFGC, Inc. Blue and Gold Star Marker Chairman, with the assistance of Jane Eggleston, Co-President and Kathie Hupp, Vice President of the St. Helens Garden Club. A special touch added for the location was the painting of the three hearts in Red White and Blue and bearing the Gold Star Family motto – HONOR, HOPE, and HEALING. Although no official Fly-over occurred, there was a beautiful fly-over of a pair of Bald Eagles several times during the ceremony. A fitting tribute to the day attended by over 100 people. This Marker is a special part of the new Gold Star Family National Highway along Highway 30 from Astoria to Atlantic City New Jersey. There were several moments when tears were shed including the reading by Gaye Stewart, Past OSFGC, Inc. President, the playing of Taps, and Amazing Grace by a Scottish bag-piper. We welcome fellow Garden Club members and the public to come and see this beautiful park, Honoring our Veterans and their families.

Lynn Chiotti

#105. Gold Star Families Memorial Highway

Warrenton VFW Post 10580
99 North Main Avenue
Warrenton, OR

Gold Star Memorial Marker #13

Dedicated May 29, 2024



Under the leadership of Retired Army Lt. Col. Dick Tobiason, chair of the Bend Heroes Foundation, and the service of the Warrenton VFW Post 10580, the Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs dedicated the Gold Star Families Memorial Highway Marker that will anchor the western end of U.S. Highway 30 and terminate in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The Oregon exit point for this highway is 477 miles to the east near Ontario and was likewise dedicated with the help of American Legion Post 67 on September 24, 2023.

OSFGC 2024 GOLD STAR/BLUE STAR DEDICATIONS

**#98 ONTARIO GOLD STAR
HIGHWAY MEMORIAL**
“National Gold Star Families Day”
Four Rivers Cultural Center
676 SW 5th Street
Ontario, Oregon

Dedicated September 24, 2023



BLUE STAR MEMORIAL BY-WAY

Country Gardens Club
Clackamas District
Foothills Park
199 Foothills Drive
Lake Oswego, OR

**Dedicated Memorial Day
May 27, 2024**

The Country Gardens Club officially dedicated their Blue Star Memorial Marker on Memorial Day, May 27, 2024 at Foothills Park in Lake Oswego. Our club and the Lake Grove Garden Club worked together to accomplish this. It was a wonderful event planned by the Veterans Memorial Group of Lake Oswego.

Myrna Geddes, Co-President



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION DISTRICT REPORTS

CAPITOL DISTRICT Mike Stewart, Director mrmikeoregon@aol.com

Counties Served: Marion and Polk
88 members in 3 clubs

1. Salem Area Garden Club
 2. Grow & Show Garden Club
 3. Dallas Garden Club and
- 2 active Affiliates
- Capitol Arrangers Guild
 - Salem Chapter of the American Fuchsia Society

Scheduled District Meeting Dates:
Fall - 3rd Saturday in October
Spring - 3rd Saturday in April.

Most successful project, activity, or event:

Our most successful project is our Annual Flower Show and Quilt Display held on a Saturday in September at the Evangelical Bible Church in Dallas. It is free to the public, held in a full-size gym with quilts displayed around the perimeter of the gym and floral and horticulture displays arranged in the center of the gym. When visitors enter the gym, they are given a program that explains the floral/horticulture categories being displayed and judged, two ballots for them to select their favorite floral entry and their favorite quilt display, and a drawing ticket for a chance to win one of the prizes donated by the event sponsors. These are usually a gift card to one of the four local business sponsors or one of the Dahlia bouquets that was is on display by a fifth sponsor. Information about the three Clubs and the two Affiliates is also provided in written form and verbally by members serving as event hosts.

The event runs from 10 am to 4 pm and closes with a drawing for the sponsor gifts and an awarding of the People's Choice Awards.

Most successful fundraiser:

We do not have a District fundraiser as such, but the two Salem Clubs and one of the Affiliates participate in the Home Builders Association of Marion and Polk Counties (HBA) "Home, Yard and

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CAPITOL DISTRICT

Garden Show," where they sell plants, yard art and country store items. They also pass out literature on all the District clubs and seek people interested in being added to one or more of the mailing lists. The Dallas Club has their own "In the Garden Faire" in the Spring where they rent booth space to private vendors and Capitol District Clubs and Affiliates are given free space if they wish to participate.

Something Special or Unique about our District:

We are a small district that has learned to share our resources. Our individual newsletters promote the meetings and special events of each other, our bookmarks (or rack cards) promote a specific club or event on one side, but the reverse side includes meeting times and contact information for the other members of the district as well.

Several individuals belong to more than one club or affiliate and at least two individuals belong to all five. We also use a similar version of a Visitor Welcome Packet that includes a welcome letter from the group leader, a brochure or information sheet about the club, a bookmark, a packet of seeds and an Oregon Association of Nurseries "Retail Nurseries & Garden Centers Road Map" for Oregon and Southwest Washington. The final document in the Welcome Packet is a Membership Application specific to that Club. We try to make sure that no visitor leaves one of our meetings without knowing something more about our club, gardening in general, and especially how to join the fun that our club is promoting.



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION DISTRICT REPORTS

CLACKAMAS DISTRICT

Muriel Pagel, Director

email: Murielcentury21@gmail.com

We are pleased to announce that we have an Assistant District Director, Norma Piper; District Secretary, Jane Sercombe and District Treasurer, Lynne Hatfield who will all be confirmed at an executive meeting June 14, 2024.

The state of the district is strong with eleven clubs in Clackamas County wide ranging in locations from Sandy in the north to Canby in the south.

Our theme is Keep Clackamas Green and Be Firewise!

- Our garden clubs are Canby; Country Gardens (Lake Oswego), Estacada, Happy Valley, Lake Grove, Milwaukie, Posy Pickers, Sandy, Sunny Hills (Clackamas); West Linn and Wilsonville.
- On April 4, we had a successful Spring District Meeting and Luncheon at the Elks Lodge in Milwaukie. It is centrally located, one level and tons of parking. They have a good event coordinator and a "seasoned" chef at a reasonable price. They always work to accommodate our group two times a year.
- Our speakers are always interesting and educational and this time we were so fortunate to have Harry Landers, rose expert and retired curator of the International Rose Test Gardens in Portland.
- The spring fundraiser projects are the plant sales beginning in April. Most all the sales proceeds go to the club scholarships.
- Lynne and I visited the Posy Pickers sale at Joann Fabrics, Oregon City parking lot. They had great exposure at the traffic light, but the weather was chilly and grey. Their plant selection was very good and well labeled. The bundled-up club members were welcoming and cheerful!
- The next sale that we visited was at Sandy Garden Club where we found a huge white tent lined with tables full of plants. Once again, it was easy to see the plant sale from the busy street. This group was selling garden "white elephants," bird houses, trellises and planter

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CLACKAMAS DISTRICT

boxes filled with strawberries or lettuce.

President John Ludi and wife Kay are preparing again for the American Iris Society and Society for Japanese Irises National Iris Convention 2024, in Portland June 26-29..

- Every year we plant colorful annuals at Hull Foundation Gardens of Enchantment in Sandy. This is a half-acre formal garden for adults with blindness and sight impairment with the sensory sections
- The Hull Park is a 22-acre venue for long, peaceful walks, listening to the Sandy River and birds, as well as a great place to gather for meetings and weddings. They offer many zoom classes for everyday living with blindness, have a monthly newsletter, a large indoor pool, hot tub, retreats and dormitory rooms for overnight stays and local trips.
- Clackamas and Multnomah District Garden Clubs are responsible for maintaining the lovely gardens.
- Please be certain that your clubs have budgeted donations to help support this fantastic foundation and gardens as we purchase plants, mulch and hire pruning help
- We had six members of Sunny Hills Garden Club, seven volunteers from Sandy High School and seven helpers plus teacher from Ant Farm garden program in Sandy join in to help plant the hundreds of annuals.
- **The Hull Tea Party will be July 20.** Call (503) 668- 6195 for tickets. \$25/each or two for \$45.00. Special discounts for kids. Wear your best Tea Party hat and bring your friends and family for a memorable time!
- The Clackamas Clippings District Newsletter has been re-started after Covid 19 with Constant Contact, the email marketing program, and thanks to Sue Piper and Lynne Hatfield for their efforts to find article writers and gather information for each club's focus and events



OSFGC 2024 CONVENTION

DISTRICT REPORTS

KLAMATH DISTRICT

Clidia Gibson/Pat Phillips
Co-Directors

1. Describe the MOST SUCCESSFUL project, activity or event your District was involved in.

Klamath District holds an annual plant sale the first weekend of June. This is also the beginning of the Farmer's Market nearby which brings a lot of people to the downtown area. Member's start seeds early so they're ready for sale and share starts from their gardens. A wide variety of plants and garden items are offered. During the sale members help customers understand and select plants to suit their needs. Often customers ask about clubs and some even join a group!

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had, and why you chose that particular one.

The sale previously mentioned helps the smaller clubs raise some funds for their group. It would be difficult for these smaller groups to do this on their own. One club holds a Christmas Bazaar with emphasis on house plants as well as crafts and food items.

3. Share something special or unique about your district.

Each of our clubs is unique in the emphasis of their group's interests. One group is a general "all-purpose" garden club, another puts their skills into projects for the community and yet another one's emphasis is on trees and works to make the local arboretum special. The Klamath Basin is a difficult area to garden, so gardener's must adjust for the short growing season and climate extremes.



MT. HOOD DISTRICT

Kathy Kelsay, Director

1. Describe the MOST SUCCESSFUL project, activity or event your District was involved in.

I believe the most successful project or event was the 2023 Fall District Luncheon hosted by the Parkdale Garden Club. It was thoughtful, lovely and meaningful. Parkdale took this opportunity to celebrate a Gold Star Marker and an important anniversary of their clubs' beginning. We were grateful the state officers were able to attend. Parkdale should be very proud.

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had, and why you chose that particular one.

Odell just announced a successful plant sale to raise money for Blue and Gold Star Markers. They potted about 100 hostas, 3 kinds of berries and many other plants to sell. Looking forward to hearing more about their projects. They are a very busy club.

3. Share something special or unique about your district.

Our district is challenged because 3 of our 5 clubs are located close to one another and share a moderate climate for their gardens. The other 2 clubs are further east and have a drier, more extreme climate. If there is a district plant sale, these must be taken into consideration.

What keeps the five clubs together is shared values that the state promotes. All clubs are interested in maintaining forests, the environment, helping to prevent and restore areas affected by wildfires and the Blue and Gold Star Marker program.



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MULTNOMAH DISTRICT

Annell Carlson, Director

1. Describe the **MOST SUCCESSFUL** project, activity or event your District was involved in.
2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had, and why you chose that particular one.
3. Share something special or unique about your district.

NORTH COAST DISTRICT

Rebecca Cook, Director

1. Describe the **MOST SUCCESSFUL** project, activity or event your District was involved in.
The plant sale put on by SouWester Garden Club. They exceeded last years profits.
2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had, and why you chose that particular one.
The plant sale put on by SouWester Garden Club. All the members participated, new members were signed up, and it was a good time of fun and fellowship.
3. Share something special or unique about your district.

We are a very long district that stretches up the north coast. One club is in the very far north end and the other in the very south and. It takes over 2 hours to travel between them.

JUNE

The sun is rich
And gladly plays
In golden hours,
Silver days,

And long green weeks
That never end.
School's out.
The time is ours to spend.

There's Little League,
Hopscotch, the creek,
And, after supper,
Hide-and-seek.

The live-long light
Is like a dream,
And freckles come
Like flies to cream.

John Updike



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PACIFIC DISTRICT

Julie Moore, Director

1. Describe the MOST SUCCESSFUL project, activity or event your District was involved in.

Our most successful activity we do every summer is our Progressive Luncheon and Garden Tour! We meet at a home of someone from all three clubs. We have a small breakfast type meal in the morning, lunch at noon and then dessert at 2 pm. We spend about an hour or so at each person's home visiting and enjoying their gardens. This is a great way for all three clubs to get together, meet new members and just enjoy each other's company.

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had, and why you chose that particular one.

The last fundraiser was a club fundraiser. Salmon River Garden Club had a weekend plant and "stuff" sale at the Otis Marketplace. Members donated plants, garden supplies and related items. The district has not had a fundraiser.

3. Share something special or unique about your district.

We are located at the beach!!! Our climate is cooler, so our gardens grow differently. It is definitely a beautiful place to visit.

PIONEER DISTRICT

Pat Johnson, Director

1. Describe the most successful project, activity or event your District was involved in.

The most successful event our District was involved with was the October 2023 luncheon meeting and the April 2024 luncheon meeting. The October luncheon was hosted by the Five Oaks Garden Club. The April luncheon was hosted by the Tigard Garden Club and the Chehalem Garden Club.

There was a great turnout and speaker for each meeting. The luncheons provided a chance for club members from the twelve clubs to get to know each other and form bonds, experience friendships and develop camaraderie. Each year several of our clubs sponsor a luncheon and meeting so this is a special ongoing experience.

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PIONEER DISTRICT

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had. Include why you chose that particular one.

Our District garden clubs held a number of plant sales this Spring. The clubs earn enough money to assist with philanthropy in each community. The additional money that each club earns gives the club an opportunity to contribute to worthy causes that they might not ordinarily be able to do. This philanthropy benefits our communities and many private organizations.

The Beaverton Garden Club, a large club, invited the Cedar Mill Garden Club, a small club, to join them for their plant sale. Members had a chance to get to know each other, attend each other's meetings and make new friends.

3. Share something special or unique about your District.

Our Pioneer District club members work hard and are very conscientious about making a difference. Whether a large club or small, all are doing a great job.

As I visit the various garden clubs in our District, Donna Soderberg and I find them offering great speakers, good horticulture presentations (continued learning), and great organization by officers. There are many special projects that benefit schools and youth, seniors in assisted care facilities, beautification projects for their town and community and Blue and Gold Star markers being dedicated. Both the Beaverton Garden Club and St. Helens Garden Club had ceremonies this calendar year. The Scappoose Garden Club will have a ceremony in November 2024.

One of our smaller clubs, the West Point Garden Club, each year buys enough plants to fill a large garden in the West Slope business district of S.W. Portland. This is a very busy area with many car dealerships and businesses. This special garden is a beautiful sight to see and the club members take great pride in doing this project every year.



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PORTLAND DISTRICT Chris McClure & Carol Schuldt Co-Directors

1. Describe the MOST SUCCESSFUL project, activity or event your District was involved in.

- The most successful event(s) have been our District Board Meetings and Luncheons. We strive to have interesting speakers to attract more guests. For example, in April we featured Judy Alleruzzo from Al's Garden and Home. She brought interesting plants and design ideas for containers, as well as suggestions of what to do about plants that were damaged or lost due to ice.
- We also like to have club members share their knowledge. Alana Eckert, from Villa Garden Club, is very well-informed about environmental issues. She spoke about fire safety, emphasizing "Don't Be Scared, Be Prepared."
- Each club participates by donating items for the Wish to Win drawing, decorating the venue and tables, and providing desserts. Sometimes we have a theme that adds to the fun. This spring it was "April in Paris."

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your district had. Include why you chose that particular one.

- Two of our clubs have plant sales in the spring. Club members grow the plants themselves, present them beautifully, and offer them at a terrific, low price that the local nurseries sell for a great deal more. Villa Garden Club, for example, donates a considerable portion of the money they make to local non-profits that are focused on horticulture. Plant sales were selected because the members take pride in selling plants they have planted and potted themselves. Many customers of both plant sales return every year because they know they will be purchasing a plant that has been lovingly grown!



April Speaker - Judy Alleruzzo from Al's Garden and Home, Sherwood, OR.



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ROGUE DISTRICT Mary Kerr, Director

- The Rogue District worked together to help hosting club, Coos Bay Garden Club celebrate their 95th anniversary since the club was established April 3, 1929.
- OSFGC State President, Carolyn Olley, Corresponding Secretary, Tiffany Olley, and former State President, Cheryl Drumheller were joined by former Rogue District Directors and Coos Bay Garden Club Presidents to join in the celebration. District club members and guests enjoyed a presentation from the Coos Country History Museum Educator, Siri Pro, on the early history of Coos Bay since the 1920's going forward, which included many historical photos of the CBGC.
- There was a delicious Italian luncheon served followed by dessert, drawings, and a silent plant auction.
- Florence Garden Club held another successful Annual Plant Sale in May with the help of very talented Siuslaw Middle School artists, Siuslaw High School Interact & Key Club Assistants, and soil testers through the Master Gardeners OSU Extension Service. Besides a wonderful array of available plants, talented members created and donated hand-painted clay pots among the other Marketplace items for sale. This is the largest fundraiser of the year and always well attended.
- Other donations allowed the club to select their 2024 scholarship recipient who will receive a \$2,000 scholarship toward higher learning.

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ROGUE DISTRICT

- Rogue District clubs are unique in what community outreach programs they promote and sponsor; however, they each provide necessary and greatly appreciated events and support throughout their coastal communities. A couple of attributes found consistent throughout the clubs is friendliness and willing volunteers.



The children did a wonderful job creating pictures of the garden club, which turned into a unique special event poster.



Florence Garden Club Plant Sale



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SANTIAM DISTRICT

Gaye Stewart, Director
rosesremembered@aol.com

Counties Served: Linn and Benton

Number of Clubs/Members:

257 members (no #'s reported from Canyon GC)

1. Albany Grand Prairie Garden Club (with a slight name change),
2. Alsea Garden Club
3. Canyon Garden Club (new in 2023)
4. Corvallis Evening Garden Club
5. Corvallis Flower Basket Garden Club (primarily raises and funds the hanging baskets each summer for Corvallis streets)
6. Lebanon Garden Club
7. The Oregon Daffodil Society.

Scheduled District Meeting Dates:

Fall - 3rd Thursday in October

Spring - 3rd Thursday in April

Summer Picnic - 3rd Thursday in July.

Most successful project, activity, or event:

The most successful event the Santiam District has enjoyed this year was the Spring District meeting held March 21, 2024. The background to this success is that Santiam District, just a few years ago, did not see themselves as a District. Only a few clubs were even active anymore, plus one closed and another planned to close. The District meetings were dismal with few attendees from just a few clubs. The District needed to regroup and nurture its clubs. A new officer group was installed, a district newsletter was created to enhance communication, visits to clubs were made, and hosting the district meetings was made a priority and the hosting duties were accepted by multiple clubs to foster togetherness!

The recent Santiam District meeting was a delightful event hosted by the Corvallis Evening Garden Club in March. Over fifty-five people pre-registered and fifty-one attended. Carolyn Olley, OSFGC State President, and Becky Cook, OSFGC First Vice President, were our distinguished guests, and each spoke briefly. Club members brought a plant or a stem of flowers to "Show" to support our theme of "Grow and Show."

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Each attendee was assigned to a specific table upon their arrival so members from the same club would be encouraged to sit by someone they might not know, and each table was asked to share their answer to two questions. The first question was, "What's Happening in My Club that I love?" and the second questions was, "What I wish my club would do...?" The ideas generated were shared briefly with the whole group and they have since been compiled into a report that has been sent to the District Officers, Club Presidents, and our special guests.

At lunch time, people enjoyed their sack lunches along with coffee and a slice of the huge cake that was provided. Our Program Presenter was Cynda Foster, owner of "Perennial Obsessions," speaking on Sedums. Following her fascinating talk, she provided many trays of sedums for us to choose items to purchase.

The final fun activity was a plant raffle with many beautiful houseplants. It was an action-packed, joyous event for all! Our next District meeting will be the District Picnic, July 18th, hosted by the Canyon Garden Club, and we cannot wait to be all together again.

Most successful fundraiser:

We do not have a District fundraiser but each year the Lebanon Garden Club holds a plant sale to generate income to cover their meeting space rental and other club projects. Members are encouraged in the Fall, preceding the Spring sale, to pot up small plants, take root cuttings, and to divide and pot plants. The participation by members is impressive, but this year's sale was over-the-top! The sale is held in May at the Club President's home which is on the highway leading into Lebanon. Tables were set up and plants organized by veggies, annuals, perennials, shrubs, trees, and house plants. The club members shared their plants, worked shifts to set up, helped customers, watered plants, and at the end of the 2-day plant

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SANTIAM DISTRICT

sale, celebrated their success of earning \$6,300! They also gained two new members and had time to visit with one another in a beautiful outdoor setting. This fundraising project was a great success due to there being no capital outlay, as all were donated plants and volunteer workers, resulting in an “all-profit” fundraising event.

Something Special or Unique about our District:

Our Santiam District includes two large geographic areas – Linn and Benton Counties which together cover 2,972 square miles in Central Oregon, the Willamette Valley, and the Central Oregon Coast. Interests in gardening and growing conditions vary within these areas. Clubs have adapted to the needs of their members and their community. For example, Alsea Garden Club with its nine members, and near the coast, has focused its energy on projects to beautify their small town. Corvallis, on the other hand, is home to Oregon State University and the Master Gardener headquarters. The Corvallis Evening Garden Club is one hundred and sixty members strong and is still growing and they routinely attract special speakers from around the country to make Zoom presentations for their meetings.

The geographic diversity, distance between clubs and variance in population needs (food production and/or garden beauty) poses both a challenge and an opportunity for us to try to meet the needs of all our members. As a District, we believe we are up to the challenge.



SISKIYOU DISTRICT

Donna Rewick, Director

1. Describe the MOST SUCCESSFUL project, activity, or event your District was involved in.

Community and Belonging: When Garden Club members come together and meet as a district, involving six cities, they are surrounded by a group of similarly minded folks across several communities. Whether it's a flower farm tour or an alternate county fair activity, they certainly benefit from the embrace of work to be inspired. The most successful activity is the commitment to being active, positive members of each Garden Club Community which helps foster the sustainability of our membership. The single club, yet district activity, that unites the Siskiyou District is the reverence they give to the local VA National Cemetery and Memorial Chapel in Eagle Point. Each club takes a turn at providing flowers and remembrances through-out the year and honors those who have served our country. This is truly a community-inspiring wellness that feeds not only those in the local Garden Clubs, but to all who visit or have services at the facility. The Siskiyou District is committed to being active, positive members of our communities to help foster support for their loved ones who serve in the military.

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had, include why you chose that particular one.

Fundraising: The Siskiyou District held a wreath auction at the 2024 District Meeting. Fourteen wreaths were beautifully created and donated by members of the respective Garden Clubs. This was the second auction held to raise funds for the Siskiyou District. The first was at the 2023 District Meeting. Each Garden Club donated at least one apron, store bought or handmade. The auction clearly proved to be a successful fundraiser for our District, one that all Garden Clubs could participate in and show off their creative talents.

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SISKIYOU DISTRICT

3. Share something special or unique about your District

Something special: As one who has spent the greater part of her life involved in education, what is really special and unique is the continuing opportunity for learning the Siskiyou District is dedicated to. Finding local presenters and providing an opportunity to engage with experts in areas related to gardening is another reason members stay involved. At our last District Meeting, our guest speaker was "The Rogue Gardener" Stan Molpolski, a gentleman who has quite an extensive background in the field and is the local radio show gardener every Saturday morning. Many members are familiar with his voice only. The attendees were delighted and could've listened to Stan for hours. It's moments like these, when the room is packed with members, everyone is listening,



WILLAMETTE DISTRICT

Sharon Wilson, Director

1. Describe the Most Successful project, activity, or event your District was involved in.

We all worked on the Beach chair project and the food for Food Banks. We may not have collected much money or food, but we all thought they were good projects.

2. Describe a successful fundraiser your District or a club in your District had. Include why you chose that particular one.

Willamette District's plant sale held each year on the Saturday before Mother's Day. This is a traditional sale as it is the one big fund raiser for many of the Clubs and District. At this sale Junction City sells the best and most beautiful Mother's Day baskets in the County.

3. Share something special or unique about your district.

We are all hard-working volunteers (as are all in the State) that greet you with a smile.



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Canby Garden Club Breaks Ground on Monarch Butterfly Plot Katherine Leppek, President

Several members of the Canby Garden Club broke out their shovels recently to plant a Monarch Butterfly Waystation at the community garden near St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Canby. The pollinator plot featured Showy Milkweed and Zinnias. More native plants will be added soon. Monarch by-stations are places that provide resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration. Without milkweeds throughout their spring and summer breeding areas in North America, monarchs would not be able to produce the successive generations that culminate in the migration each fall. Similarly, without nectar from flowers these fall migratory monarch butterflies would be unable to make their long journey to overwintering grounds in Mexico. The need for host plants for larvae and energy sources for adults applies to all monarch and butterfly populations around the world. Thank you to Donna Bryant, Priscilla Wu, Lynda Rondema, David Kleinke, Michelle Helzer, Katherine Leppek and John Rector. The community garden plot was donated and Rector said, "The pollinators will help with all of our vegetable plots too." The community garden is part of the church food bank in Canby. More information canbygardenclub.com and monarchwatch.org.

"We are planting Showy Milkweed for the Monarchs," said Canby Garden Club President, Katherine Leppek. "Milkweed is the only plant Monarch Butterflies lay their eggs on." Rector, director of the St. Patrick's Catholic Church Community Garden at 10th and Elm added they

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Canby Garden Club Breaks Ground on Monarch Butterfly Plot

are happy to donate a plot to butterflies, bees and pollinators as these insects will help their vegetables thrive.

The community garden was established next to the church about 15 years ago and supports the local food bank. Last year 6500 pounds of food went to local families. "We distribute fresh vegetables from our garden throughout the growing season.

"Monarch butterfly populations have been declining due to loss of habitat according to Leppek. These beauties migrate from Mexico to our Northwest Gardens to lay eggs and grow, first into caterpillars then into amazing orange and black butterflies. Zinnias and a range of other native plants will join the milkweed in the local garden.

"Part of our club's mission is horticulture education and outreach. By helping locals learn about Monarchs we hope to encourage more butterfly friendly gardens in Canby.



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HOOD RIVER VALLEY EVENING GARDEN CLUB PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2024

(for the 2024 State Convention via ZOOM
6/17/2024 – 6/19/2024)
Gloria Collie, President

In February we welcomed three new members to our club, Liz, Anne and Bill. Also, we donated \$50 to the "Hood River Senior Christmas Fund" for use of the Grange Hall for our Christmas party last December.

We had an excellent presentation in March of 2024 with focus on the fresh food gardens grown at the FISH food bank. Our club donated \$500 to FISH food bank.

At our April 13, 2023 club meeting, we presented Life Membership pins and certificates to Tina Weekly and Janis Gaylord. Currently our members who have received Life Membership are Lauree Winfield, Lee Caryl, Diana Caryl, Janis Gaylord, Tina Weekly and Kay Lincoln.

Our club attended the Mt. Hood District Spring Meeting in Dufur on April 27, 2024.

In May our club donated \$200 to the State President's "Wheelchairs on the Beach" project. Also, a motion was made and approved to donate \$200 to our local animal shelter "Adopt-A-Dog."

Our annual Plant Sale was this past May and was very successful. At the end of May, we toured Rarity Gardens, a local peonies garden, and took home some lovely flowers. Also, in May, we installed a "Never Forget" plaque at the Blue Star Marker in the Deschutes River Recreation Area Park.

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HOOD RIVER VALLEY EVENING GARDEN CLUB

We will also be participating at the Hood River County Fair, in July, and hope to win a few prizes.

In October our club will be in the Gorge Fruit & Craft Fair with a holiday and bake sale and a return of our bulb sales which raises money for projects in the club.

We continue to collect money and donate to Penny Pines and plan to donate to the Hood River Christmas Project.

We also donate money quarterly to the Hood River Care Center and Providence Brookside Manor for birdseed for their bird feeders.

Lastly, we will be hosting the Fall District Meeting on Saturday, October 26, 2024, at the FISH Food Bank Community Room, Spirit of Grace Church, 1140 Tucker Rd., Hood River.

Thank you for your time,



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LEBANON GARDEN CLUB President

Lebanon garden club is growing by leaps and bounds. This year we averaged at least one new member each month, bringing our membership to almost 70 members. We are happy to announce that we have a few men in our club as well.

A while back we had a new logo designed (see above).



PLANT SALE

Our plant sale, held in May, was a blow out success! The monies we make go to our annual charitable donations and our community projects.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Last year, our community project committee provided soil and flowers and the man-power to plant a planter by the door of the Lebanon Boys and Girls Club as well as plants around their flag pole. We also donated a metal stock tank to the School's Land Lab and a grant to the land lab for miscellaneous supplies that aren't covered by their funding.

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LEBANON GARDEN CLUB

Land labs are areas set aside for biological studies. Lebanon's 55-acre lab is one of the West Coast's largest. The lab's career and technical education courses engage students, keeping them in school and encouraging them toward post-secondary studies or careers. Lebanon's land lab houses agriculture, horticulture and construction programs. About one-fourth of the high school's roughly 1,200 students spend part of the week at the land lab.

The school district also allows students to raise their own animals such as sheep, pigs and cows on the property for agricultural programs such as FFA. Students can buy animals from the district's breeding herds on payment plans, but they must provide feed and care.

Our community projects committee awarded grants to two Lebanon elementary schools so they can plant trees on their grounds.

The committee also provides funding for our annual flower show which is open to the public and funding for a series of flower design classes open to the public at no charge prior to the flower show. These design classes are to help educate and encourage the public to enter our flower show. Fun was had by all.



FLOWER SHOW

Our flower show is held on the first weekend in June in conjunction with the annual community Strawberry Festival Celebration. It was a huge success. We always look forward to seeing our judges who came from afar, and gave their time for the day to judge our show

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LEBANON GARDEN CLUB

We provide a lunch for our judges and some good company too.



QUEEN'S CHOICE

This is Queen Addison's Choice Award at our flower show. Each year the flower show invites the Strawberry Court to visit and the Queen picks a design or horticulture entry that is her favorite. Each of the Princesses choose their favorite as well.

ROSE GARDEN

The Lebanon garden club has maintained the rose garden in Ralston City Park since 2000. Members work in the garden each Monday of the month except the third Monday's, which is our club meeting. This year, we acquired funds to have two beautiful signs made and installed at each end of the rose garden. Our sign-maker, Dic Bason's wife, Trudie, is a long-time member of our club.

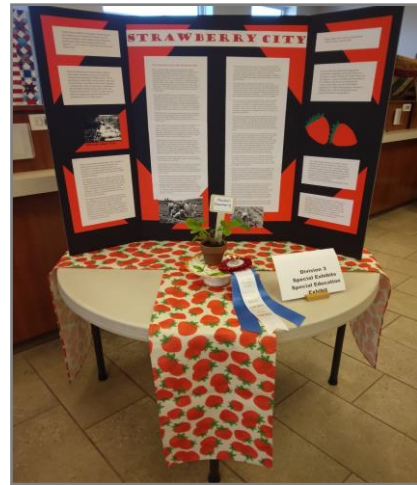


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LEBANON GARDEN CLUB



EDUCATIONAL DISPLAY

Our member, Linda Ziedrich made this educational display about the early history of Lebanon's strawberries.

Lebanon, Oregon has a yearly Strawberry Festival, celebrating the end of the harvest, attended by thousands of people. The festival boasts the world's largest strawberry shortcake.

STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL PARADE

Our Club President, Lynne Neuman, drove her car in the Strawberry Festival parade and our club sign maker, Dic Bason, made magnetic signs for the car.

We drew names at a club meeting to have a club member ride along. Laurie Linn won the privilege. Also, one of our members, Angela Blackburn, walked along-side passing out candy.



OSFGC 2024 IN MEMORIUM



In Loving Memory *Marcia Kay Whitelock* *1936 - 2024*

Marcia Kay was born in Deadwood, South Dakota on November 17, 1936, and died at her home in Beaverton, Oregon on April 11, 2024.

She was a very active member of OSFGC. In the 1990's, she served many years as President of the West Metro Garden Club (an evening club founded at the same time as the Beaverton Garden Club by Ruth Pasley). When that club disbanded, she joined other clubs and was a current member of West Point Garden Club at the time of her passing.

She was a former OSFGC State President (2005-2007), Pioneer District Director, was a Flower Show Judge, an active member of the Judges Committee and the Pioneer District Scholarship Committee.

She also worked hard for the Oregon Garden in Silverton, serving on the boards of both the Garden and the Gordon House (designed by Frank Lloyd Wright) at the Garden.

She loved judging and submitting her arrangements at flower shows.



THE OREGON BEE ATLAS

The Oregon Bee Atlas: Working to Protect Oregon's Bees David Kollen

Today we're looking at a group of volunteers who are working hard to gather the information needed to understand and ultimately guide practices to conserve Oregon's bees. These Master Melittologists, a group of which I am a proud member, become certified by under-going formal training provided by OSU Extension's Master Melittologist Program.

The program, the first of its kind in the nation, is part of the Oregon Bee Project. (Due to limited space, please visit: oregonbeeproject.org/about-us for more information about the Oregon Bee Project.) This is probably a good time to take a look at the below image of the Pollinator Paradise license plate. Getting one for your vehicle is a good way to show your support for pollinators and, as an added bonus, part of the proceeds go to support bee-related activities at OSU, including the Oregon Bee Atlas.



Oregon
Pollinator Paradise
License Plate

Master Melittologists are trained in various aspects of bee biology including ecology and taxonomy. This training enables them to survey native bee populations and to educate Oregonians on the state's bee biodiversity. The picture on the right shows an Oregon map indicating all the survey sites visited from 2018-2023. I think we can all agree that it is an impressive achievement!

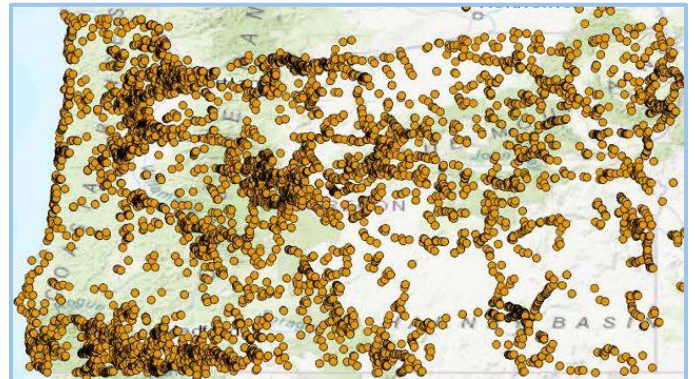
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The Oregon Bee Atlas

With each new year, volunteering follows the same general rhythm: collect bees, identify bees (not so easy when you realize that Oregon has upwards of 800 native bees) and participate in public educational outreach events. The start of bee season varies with location, but generally our early bees show up on the landscape in late winter or early spring. This is when the first collection events start.

Collection events involve capturing bees and recording the specific plants that they are visiting. Understanding these floral relationships is important when trying to assess habitat suitability for our various bees. Captured bees are put into a collection box, and each bee is labeled with the date and location of capture. After bees have been identified, the collection box goes to the atlas taxonomist.



Oregon Bee Project: Survey sites visited
from 2018-2023.



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THE OREGON BEE ATLAS

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The Oregon Bee Atlas

Collection events may involve single individuals or small groups (see picture below). Many events involve going out for a day, although some events are multi-day trips concentrating on specific geographic areas like the Steens Mountain Wilderness.

If you now find yourself bee-curious, there are a few options for learning more, depending on how involved you want to become. The easiest option is to contact Jen Larsen, the Program Coordinator (Jen.Larsen@oregonstate.edu), and request a presentation about bees for your club (note that sometimes a request can't be met). Next, you could explore the Bee Advocate program (extension.oregonstate.edu/bee-advocate). This program provides free online training and access to outreach materials for providing education to the public. Lastly, you could consider becoming a Master Melittologist (extension.oregonstate.edu/master-melittologist). This path requires a lot of commitment, but with that comes the rewards of gaining knowledge and contributing to efforts to protect Oregon's bees.



Collection event.



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.
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