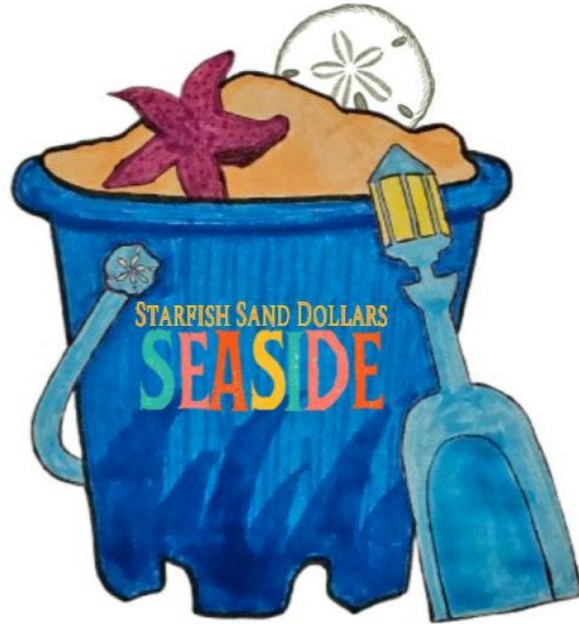


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Robin Pokorski
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Greg Pokorski
NGC Parliamentarian
Tanja Swanson
2025-2027 Pacific Region Director

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Pacific District Director: Ginny Timmerman
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Credentials: Sharon Johnson
Gift Baskets & Arrangements: Sheri Anderson & Sou'Wester Garden Club
Vendors: Cherita Potter
Exhibits & Program: Becky Cook
Flower Show: Ginny Timmerman
Speakers & Workshops: Cherita Potter & Becky Cook
Fashion Show: Pat Johnson
Swag Bags: North Coast & Pacific Districts (Sewn by Linda Bice & Friends)
Mall: Bernie Wood
Treasure Chest / Wish to Win: Phyllis Olson
Photographer: Ed Schuldt
Time Keeper: Wanda Baker

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OSFGC Mission Statement

Oregon State Federation of Garden Clubs, Inc. provides education, resources, and statewide networking opportunities for its members to promote the love of gardening, floral design, civic, and environmental responsibility.

Conservation Pledge

“I pledge to protect and conserve the natural resources of the planet earth and promise to promote education so we may become caretakers of our air, water, forest, land, and wildlife.”

Convention Logo designed by Terann Anderson

OSFGC Convention Rules 2025

1. All members of the Board of Directors, club delegates and alternates must register with the Credentials Committee to determine the Quorum.
2. The Program as adopted shall be the order of business for the annual meeting. Amendments shall be made by majority vote.
3. Each member of the voting body, as listed above, must wear a badge received at the time of registration before they may be seated and vote in the business session. Only voting members may introduce motions and vote.
4. A member addressing the chair shall rise and give his/her name and that of his/her Garden Club.
5. Each motion offered during the convention shall be written in triplicate, signed by the maker, who shall be a voting member of the convention and be sent directly to the Recording Secretary.
6. No member shall speak in debate more than twice on the same question on the same day or longer than two minutes without permission of the Convention granted by a 2/3 vote without debate.
7. All reports and other material for the permanent record shall be typed and given to the Recording Secretary. Time allowed for those reports shall be announced by the chair; unused allotted time may not be “given” to another member as the time was allotted for a specific purpose.
8. Notices for announcements to the convention shall be in writing and signed. Pages will pass notes and carry messages.
9. Cell phones and pagers should be off or in the vibrate position during the meeting. All meeting attendees are requested to be seated before the scheduled meeting and to refrain from speaking except when entitled to the floor.

Governing Rules: The rules contained in the current edition of Roberts’s Rules of Order Newly Revised, shall govern the convention in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the bylaws of the OSFGC, Inc. and these standing rules.

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 President Carolyn Olley's meetings

 President-Elect Becky Cook's meeting

Credentials: Main entry

Exhibits: Club and District: Necanicum Room West

Flower Show Judging: Necanicum Room West

Flower Show: Necanicum Room West

Former Presidents' Breakfast Meeting: Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room

Garden Design Workshop: Upstairs

Judges Council Meeting: Sunshine Room (upstairs)

Mall: Necancium Room East

Membership Workshop: Upstairs

Exhibits: Upstairs

Nature's Garden: Main Hallway across from the Mall

Opening Ceremonies: Pacific Room

Photo Contest: Mezzanine

Registration: Front Entry

Rules & Protocol Workshop: Upstairs

Shell Craft Workshop: Upstairs

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Social Time: Pacific Room

Succulent & Driftwood Workshop: Upstairs

Treasure Chest: Pacific Room

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A very special "Thank You" to our amazing Starfish Team!

**2025 OSFGC Convention
Schedule of Events
June 10, 11, 12, 2025**

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 Memorial & Life Membership Banquet

8:00am – 5:00pm

Setup:

- Blue Star
- Credentials Table
- Exhibits
- Flower Show
- Mall
- Natures Garden
- Photo Contest
- Registration Tables
- Vendors
- Wish to Win/Treasure Chest

10:00am- noon

Registration and Credentials - Front Entry

10:00am -2:00pm Flower Show exhibits accepted, Pacific Room

2:00pm -4:00pm Flower Show judging. Pacific Room

4:00pm – **Judges Council Meeting, Sunshine Room** (upstairs)

4:00 – 5: 00pm **Board of Directors Meeting: Pacific Room**

Required to attend: Board Members (elected and appointed state Officers, active former OSFGC Presidents, and District Directors) are to attend and a majority must be present to constitute a quorum. The meeting is open for others to attend but they will not have a voice or be eligible to vote on items to come before the Board. The primary business item to come before the Board at this meeting will be the Proposed Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

5:00pm – 5:30pm Social time. Pacific Room

5:30pm -5:45pm Wish to Win / Treasure Chest drawings

5:45pm – Welcome by Presiding Officer

Introduction Head Table & Honor Tables

6:00pm – Grace and Dinner

6:45pm - Wish to Win / Treasure Chest Drawings during dessert
7:00pm - Life Membership speaker: Robin Pokorski, NGC Membership Chair
7:20pm - Life Membership Awards: Presenter Margaret Taylor
7:35pm - Memorial Book of Remembrance & Memorial Service
Presenters: Margaret Taylor & Lauree Winfield
8:05pm - Blue Star/ Gold Star Memorial: Presenter Jane Sercombe
8:25pm - Acknowledgement of Floral Designs:
Honoring Robin Pokorski, NGC Membership Chair
Designed by North Coast District
Honoring Tanja Swanson, Pacific Region Director
Designed by North Coast District
Honoring Carolyn Olley, OSFGC President
Designed by North Coast District
Honoring Becky Cook, OSFGC President-Elect
Designed by North Coast District
8:45pm - Wish to Win / Treasure Chest Drawings
9:15pm - adjournment

Floral Arrangements on tables created by North Coast District.
Table favors provided by Mary Ann Matilla, Sou'Wester Garden Club.

Wednesday, June 11, 2025 Awards Banquet

8:00am - Former President's Breakfast with Cheryl Drumheller,
Holiday Inn Express Meeting Room (next to breakfast area)
8:00am – 9:00am Registration and credentials open- front entry
9:00am – 10:00am
Opening Ceremony- Pacific Room
9:00am Presiding officer: President Carolyn Olley
Invocation: Chaplain Lauree Winfield
9:15am Presentation of the Colors: Sheri Anderson/Cherita Potter
Pledge of Allegiance: President Carolyn Olley
Conservation pledge: President Carolyn Olley
9:30am Welcome by Sou'Wester Garden Club President Cherita Potter
Introduction & welcome of guests by President Carolyn Olley
Sunset Empire Park & Recreation: Darren Gouch
Welcome by Mayor of Seaside: Steve Wright
9:45am Presentation of Beach Wheelchair to Sunset Empire Park & Rec.
10:00am – 11:30am Pacific Room

Business meeting: A quorum is needed for this meeting

Required to attend: The Board of directors and delegates from member clubs shall constitute the voting body of the convention. Individual members and their guests may attend the convention without voice or vote provided they pay the registration fee.

Items of business: President Carolyn Olley

1) Review and vote on proposed bylaw changes to be presented by Parliamentarian Mike Stewart

2) Reports from District Directors & Select Chairpersons

11:45am Flower Show & Mall Grand Opening: Ginny Timmerman & Bernie Wood. President Carolyn Olley cuts ribbon

Noon Break for lunch – on your own

1:30pm

Workshop #1 Succulents & Driftwood

Workshop #2 Membership

Workshop #3 Shell Craft

2:45pm

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Workshop #2 Protocol/Rules

Workshop #3 Worms & Tea

3:45pm – 5:00pm free time

5:00pm – 5:30pm Social time Pacific Room

5:30pm - 5:45pm Wish to Win / Treasure Chest drawings

5:45pm – Welcome by Presiding Officer

Introduction Head Table & Honor Tables

6:00pm – Grace & Dinner

6:45pm- Wish to Win / Treasure Chest Drawings during dessert

7:00pm – Clair Belsher Historic Preservation: Peggy Olin

7:10pm - Ellen Ambuhl Conservation Award: Norma Curtis

7:20pm – Garden of Distinction: Kirsten Jensen

7:30pm - Horticulture Award: TBA

7:40pm - Member of Distinction Award: President Carolyn Olley

8:00pm - OSFGC “Heart” Award: President Carolyn Olley

8:10pm - Suzy Twist-Powell Designer Award: Shirley Schmidt

8:20pm - Gardener of the Year: Nita Wood

8:30pm - Youth Awards

8:40pm - Speaker: Jean Chapin – Garden Designs

9:10pm - Wish to Win/ Treasure Chest drawings

9:20pm – Fashion Show: Pat Johnson
Adjournment after fashion show.

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Thursday, June 12, 2025 Installation Banquet

8:00am – 9:15am

Registration and credentials open- front entry

9:30am – 10:30am. Pacific Room

Business meeting A quorum is needed for this meeting

Required to attend: The Board of directors and delegates from member clubs shall constitute the voting body of the convention. Individual member and their guests may attend the convention without voice or vote provided they pay the registration fee.

Business meeting continues

10:00am Election of State Officers

10:30am – 11:30am Club and District Awards

11:30am – noon

Becky Cook's meeting – For the 2025-2027 term. Pacific Room

A quorum of the new Board is needed for this meeting.

This will be a work session. Voting will take place; business will be completed as required.

Noon – 1:30pm

Break for lunch – on your own

1:30pm

Workshop #1 Membership

Workshop #2 Protocol/Rules

Workshop #3 Ikebana

2:45pm

Workshop #1 Worms & Tea

Workshop #2 Shell Craft

Workshop #3 Ikebana

3:45pm – 5:00pm free time

5:00pm – 5:30pm. Social time Pacific Room

5:30pm - 5:45pm. Wish to Win / Treasure Chest drawings

5:45pm – Welcome by Presiding Officer – President Carolyn Olley

Introduction Head Table & Honor Tables

6:00pm – Grace & Dinner
6:45pm- Wish to Win / Treasure Chest Drawings during dessert
7:00pm – 7:30pm. Speaker: Jeffry Robson – Bonsai
7:30pm-7:45pm. Pacific Region Director Tanja Swanson
7:45pm – 8:00pm. President Carolyn Olley recaps her term
8:00pm – 8:45pm. Installation Ceremonies: Robin Pokorski
 Installing State Officers & District Directors
8:45pm – 8:55pm. President’s pins exchanged
8:55pm- 9:10pm. Acceptance Speech: Rebecca(Becky) Cook
 2025- 2027 OSFGC President
9:10pm – 9:30pm. Final Business:
 Auction table arrangements
 Ways & Means Reports: Sheri Anderson
 Credentials Report: Sharon Johnson, Credentials Chair
 Courtesy Resolution: Mary Ann Matilla, Convention Committee
 Benediction: Chaplain Lauree Winfield
9:30pm. Adjourn for Reception for President Rebecca (Becky) Cook

Table favors by Mary Ann Matilla, Sou’Wester Garden Club;
Ginny Timmerman & Becky Cook, Nestucca Valley Garden Club.

Workshop Descriptions

Succulents & Driftwood: Make and Take a Design of Driftwood and Succulents
Membership: Inviting, Connecting and Belonging
Shell Craft: Make and Take a Craft with Shells and Other Elements
Rules/Protocol: Effective & Efficient Tools for Meetings
Worms & Tea: Worms, Their Tea and In-Between
Ikebana: The Elements and Designs of Ikebana
Sustainable & Year Round Garden Beauty

Biographies

Brian Bauman (is conducting the Succulents and Driftwood workshops) He is the great-great-grandson of Elizabeth Bauman, who started Bauman Farms in 1895. Brian's dad, Rick, moved to their current location on Howell Prairie in 1977. In 1988 they started a small farm market. As the farm grew so did their family. They ended up with four kids, Brian, Amie, Cari and Sarah and all the kids work or help on the farm. After completing his accounting degree, Brian joined the business with an interest in horticulture.

Jean Chapin (is the speaker on Wednesday night) "Gardening has transformed my life continuously. And so much of my joy comes from a life where I'm living in creativity, beauty, and dirt! I was immersed in my grandparents' love of gardening, and they indulged me with limitless patience - even buying books on botanical Latin that I absorbed. I studied accounting at the University of Oregon, and the only classes that really interested me were botany. Instead of preparing for exams, you'd find me in the university greenhouses grafting with different colors of hibiscus. My first 'real' garden in Eugene was opened for tours after being featured by a local TV station. I had two wonderful clients early in my journey that let me explore and learn how to do this as a living. Both their gardens were featured on covers of Better Homes & Gardens. Game on!"

"My other home is Ireland, where I've lived for 25 years. I bought a 250-year old stone cottage in the countryside and set about building the gardens. Although we open them for tours, they're my sanctuary where I'm ridiculously happy, in a state of never-ending creativity, imagining, and experimenting. (And rain!) My gardening education was further transformed here, having access to the wealth of gardens and gardening history in the UK and across Europe."

"Now, back home in Oregon, I'm working on the next gardening adventure. The first task when I moved in was to plant 3000 tulips. I'm immersed in creating six distinct gardens, including one of my dreams – an English-style double herbaceous border. I live perpetually grateful in knowing that my life is one I've created - where I can share my joy and express my love for gardens, gardening, creativity, and people. I look forward to meeting each and every one of you!"

Beth Holland (is conducting Worms & Tea and Sustainable & Year Round Garden Beauty workshops) For over four decades, Cannon Beach resident Beth Holland has been an organic landscape designer and contractor who quietly shaped the aesthetic of Cannon Beach, Warrenton and Astoria. In Astoria, Holland has landscaped the roundabout, the Maritime Memorial Garden and the Mill Pond along with planters and pocket parks on Commercial and Marine Drive. Holland believes civic beautification creates a sense of well being in communities. She encourages Cities to hire horticultural specialists to guide them in creating sustainable low maintenance gardens that have a positive impact, like the work Pam Fleming is doing in Seaside today. In Hollands residential projects she has worked to build gardens that blend well with and protect the natural environment.

We live in a time when anything you want to know about gardening is at

your finger tips but real gardening wisdom lies in the writing and gardens of those who have dedicated themselves to the craft. She believes reading and visiting good gardens is a wonderful way to fall in love with the culture of Horticulture.

Robin Pokorski (is conducting the Membership workshops) Robin joined Southern California Garden Club in the San Fernando Valley District in 1989. She has served garden club in many roles from club to district to state to region. Robin is a parliamentarian and member of the National Association of Parliamentarians. She enjoys gardening in San Fernando including a thriving veggie garden and more than 75 rose bushes. Now Robin serves as the NGC Membership Chairman and hosts a monthly NGC Membership Monday zoom. Her insight, humor and experience will help members learn the ins and outs of recruiting and retaining members in their clubs. **This workshop is encouraged for all members.**

Greg Pokorski (is conducting the Rules/Protocol workshops) Greg joined Southern California Garden Club in 1996. Through garden club he discovered an interest in parliamentary procedure and belongs to the Golden State Electronic Unit, California State Association of Parliamentarians and the National Association of Parliamentarians. He currently serves as parliamentarian for San Fernando Valley District, California Garden Clubs, Pacific Region and National Garden Clubs. Among many garden club positions held, he has served as president and parliamentarian for his garden club and has served in many NGC Schools positions.

Greg will be joined by OSFGC Parliamentarian Mike Stewart. Together they will share their expertise on how to make your meetings “stand up and be noticed”. Covering the ins and outs of what to do and what not to do. **This workshop is encouraged for all members and officers at club, district and state levels.**

Cherita Potter (is conducting the shell craft workshops) She has spent over 38 years living and embracing the beauty and bounty of the Oregon coast along with her husband, Toby, and their two sons. A retired business owner, she now channels her passion into community service, with a particular focus on gardening. As President of the Sou’Wester Garden club, she leads efforts to cultivate a love for horticulture, spearheading the clubs highly anticipated annual plant sale fundraiser, which supports local beautification projects and educational initiatives.

Cherita’s love for nature extends beyond the garden. She enjoys crafting rustic country art from reclaimed wood, camping beneath coastal evergreens, fishing, and clamming. A lifelong nurturer, she once raised Llamas and continues to cultivate beauty in both her garden and community. She is also an active member of the Cannon Beach PEO Chapter FB, supporting women’s education and empowerment.

Jeffrey Robson (s conducting the Ikebana workshops and is the speaker on Thursday night) Jeffrey has always been an avid gardener who's interest began at a very young age when his maternal grandfather use to take him by his hand to help him work the very large vegetable garden in his childhood home. “My fondest memories where when he pulled a salt shaker from his pants pocket, picked a vine ripe tomato and sprinkled it with salt and took a bite.”

Jeffrey's graduate degree is from Washington University in St. Louis in International Affairs with an emphasis on China, Japan and the Pacific Rim. He had always been interested in Asian arts and in 2008 began the practice of bonsai. He has been on the board of the Bonsai Society of Greater St. Louis serving two terms as Vice-President, two terms as President, then two more terms as Vice President before becoming a Director. With the move to Oregon in 2021 he served as Secretary for two terms.

In 2016 he began the study and practice of Japanese Ikebana and is a student of the Ikenobo School of Japanese Floral Arts headquartered in Kyoto, Japan. He holds the traditional degree of Kakyo (which we would refer to as Assistant Professor of Ikebana, 3rd Grade, in Ikenobo Floral Arts) that was awarded to him by the school's 45th Headmaster Sen'ei Ikenobo. This degree is an advanced teaching certificate and Jeffrey continues to advance his study towards his next degree.

Jeffrey is a member and volunteer at the Portland Japanese Garden and gives demonstrations on the cultural corner in both Ikebana and bonsai.

Steve Wright (is the Mayor of Seaside He has lived in the Pacific Northwest nearly all of his life, with most of that in the east Portland and Gresham areas. He retired in 2013 after a 35-year career with an international grain exporter, the last 15 years as their Chief Financial Officer. He joined the board of the Seaside Museum & Historical Society (becoming board chair soon after) and becoming a Certified Motorman with the Astoria Riverfront Trolley.

With the encouragement of former mayor Don Larson, he joined the Planning Commission, serving for over 2 years before being appointed to the City Council in 2017. Becoming Council President in 2021, he worked closely with former Mayor Jay Barber. He then ran unopposed for mayor when Jay retired. Mayor Wright then took office in January 2023. He is a dedicated advocate for our local community, frequently seen strolling through town, enjoying a coffee, and supporting the many fantastic businesses in Seaside. His commitment extends to the entire North Coast, where he actively participates in various regional events.