

# Siskiyou Signal

WINTER EDITION 2025



Hello Siskiyou Gardeners!

What an exciting time it has been serving as the new Siskiyou District Director. Our first district meeting in September was a fantastic way to kick off the Siskiyou District for 2025. It was terrific to have our new OSFGC President Becky Cook attend and discuss her theme Water: Essential & Mystical Project: “Give them a drink” Pollinator Watering Stations.

In September, we held the Bylaw Review meetings, chaired by Susan Casaleggio, which featured thoughtful discussion and strong collaboration and ultimately led to the successful passage of the updated bylaws at our November 11 meeting.

At the 2025 Seaside Convention, Illinois Valley and Grants Pass met the Member Challenge, Kathy Simmons received the Presidential Citation and Gena Goddard received both The Member of Distinction Award and Suzy Twist-Powell Designer Award. As the recipient of the award, Gena created a design of her own. (See the second page for photos celebrating these milestones.)

At the October 2025 PNW Fall District Meeting, Mike Zerwer earned the designation of Master Rosarian from the American Rose Society. This designation honors a Consulting Rosarian who has demonstrated a greater knowledge of roses and rose culture and established a superior record of performance and service as a Consulting Rosarian of the American Rose Society. To Mike’s surprise, she also received the Outstanding Rosarian for the Pacific Northwest District of the American Rose Society!

As we enter 2026, I look forward to our next gatherings: The Spring District Meeting is scheduled to take place in March. The Annual District Meeting will follow in April. Being surrounded by such a creative and knowledgeable group of clubs has made all the difference. Thank you all for helping me grow and succeed in my new position.

Terry Lynn Miller  
Siskiyou District Director

## Directors Theme:

“Pollinators maintain the fabric of the ecosystem and keep it functioning.”

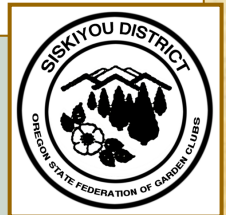


## Board of Directors:

District Director—Terry Miller  
Asst Director—Sandy Schramm  
Secretary—Karen Hee  
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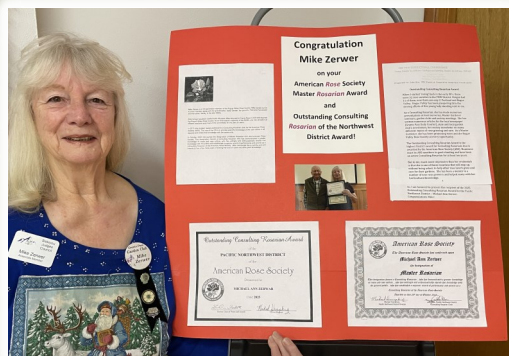
Membership Challenge Award given to **Illinois Valley Garden Club**, Kathy Simmons, (L) and **Grants Pass Garden Club**, Mike Zerwer (R)



**Kathy Simmons** (above) recipient of the *Presidential Citation*



**Gena Goddard** (R) received the *Member of Distinction Award*, given out every other year. She was also given the *Suzy Twist-Powell Award* in recognition of her skill and artistic floral design abilities. Her creative design is pictured (R, top).



**Mike Zerwer**, (L) of Grants Pass, named *Master Rosarian* by the American Rose Society. She was also awarded *Outstanding Rosarian for the Pacific Northwest District of the American Rose Society*.





## Mark Your Calendars

**January 24, 2026**

### **How Can I help? Saving Nature with Your Yard**

#### **A Talk by Dr. Doug Tallamy**

Author, Entomologist, and Professor, University of Delaware  
and Founder of *Homegrown National Park*

1:00-2:00 p.m. Book signing to follow. Doors open at noon.

CH2M Hill Alumni Center

725 SW 26th St., Corvallis, OR

**Tickets:** \$20 in advance | \$25 at the door

**March 10, 2026**

### **Siskiyou District Spring Board Meeting**

Rogue River Library, Rogue River, OR

Social Time 10:00 a.m., meeting starts at 10:30 a.m.

**April 16, 2026**

### **Siskiyou District Meeting** *hosted by Grants Pass Garden Club*

Redwood Christian Church

4995 Redwood Ave, Grants Pass, OR

Details to follow

**June 20, 2026**

### **OSFGC Mini Convention** *in Eugene*

Details on location and time to follow



### ***A Little News to Share:***

Jacksonville Garden Club President, *Pam Smith*, had quadruple bypass surgery on December 13. She says she is recovering well and her Doctors are happy with her progress. If you think of her, send some healing vibes her way.

### ***You Don't Want to Miss this:***

This beautiful **Pollinator Quilt**, pictured to the left, was commissioned and donated by Siskiyou District Director, *Terry Miller*, and will be auctioned off at the District meeting in Grants Pass on April 16!

